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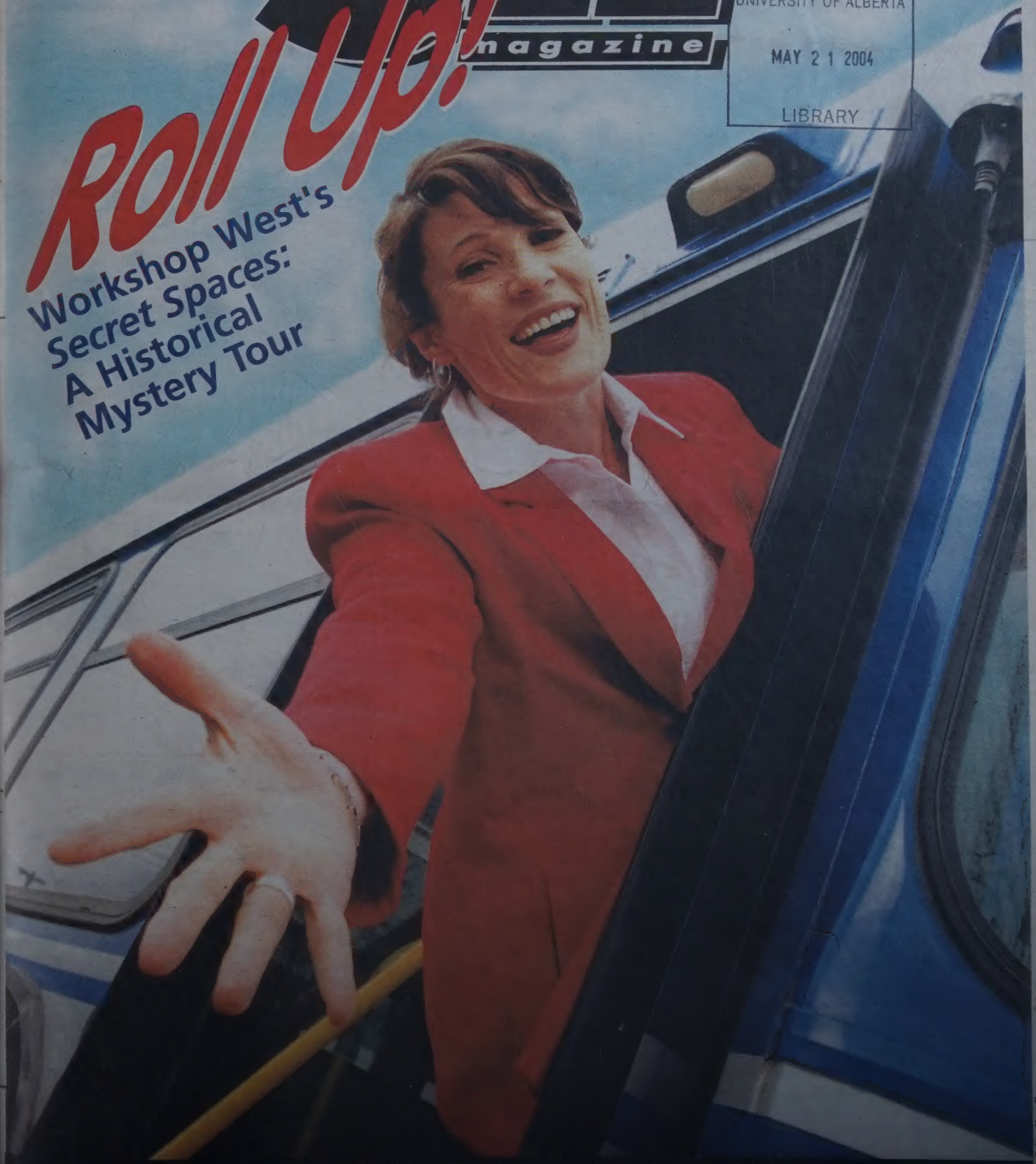

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Are the dogs in the yard while you work?
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Obviously the size of the dog affects the size of the cleaning problems.
It totally affects the doo, especially when there is long grass and you have to clean up from a Chihuahua. It's actually more time consuming for a little dog than a big dog. With a big dog, you go in there and you can see it; it's no problem. With a little Chihuahua you have to hunt for it.

What's the worst job you've had?
Most people avoid clean up in the winter. But sometimes people don't just avoid the winter, they avoid a couple of years and a winter, so I've had some jobs like that with really long grass, and I'm looking at an eight garbage bag full back yard. That's labour intensive.

How do you deal with the unpleasantnesss and the smell?
Surprisingly enough, it's not that bad. It seems quite disgusting, but with the utensils I use and putting it into the garbage bag with gloves on I don't really get too hands-on. The smell can sometimes get pretty intensive, but I have a mask I wear particularly for spring clean up.

What do you like about this job?
I like the idea people see it as a dirty job, and yet there is a need out there. I really enjoy being outdoors. As gross as it sounds, I really like going around and being in people's backyards, playing with their dogs. There is actually a sense of accomplishment believe it or not.

KEVIN LAW

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SOMETIMES IT'S TOUGH TO pull back and see the larger landscape, and sometimes that landscape pulls you across itself by the nose. And, Man, is it ever the latter lately. So let's talk anthropology.

In the case of what's going fundamentally sour with the world in the last couple years, the trend is obvious and terrifying. It's well worth deciding on which side you stand, and fighting against with passion and all the talent and courage you can muster. Because goombahs without conscience have taken over this world.

Yes, we now officially live, O few remaining ladies and gentlemen who actually read, in the primitive domain of the drunken frat jock—the Mindless Young Man. I've called the quality slip the Big Dumb in the past, but it's definitely evolving into an increasingly gender-specific animal, some kind of masculine, naked plague dog gone global. Ask any beat cop, the hotheads are growing in number, including within the greener ranks of the police force itself. The same mindset that reads chick-conquest advice in *Maxim* is over in Iraq right now—in sole charge of our image as Westerners. And, more importantly, these pricks are in charge of people's dignity and lives and, of course, of stacking naked human pyramids, posing prisoners in lewd positions for the digital cam, just for that extra humiliating knife twist. It's like watching giant 12 year olds torture ants, the ultimate evolution of reality TV.

You can see what a soothing effect this is having on the youth of the Muslim world, overflowing with plenty of rabid young suicide bombers looking for any good excuse, as Nick Berg might explain if his head hadn't been sawed off in pointless retaliation. Response to Berg's single white murder on the Internet was quick back home, as any cursory search on his name now offers: "To all you bleeding hearts: Nick Berg beheaded," complete with an excruciating video link. Hm, good point against us "hippies." So I guess that "pre-emptive" war and American prison savagery was OK then, because of the possibility of revenge. That's the argument, anyway, ignoring the lessons of history.

But the Mindless Young Man has the memory of a stoned goldfish. He is an anti-intellectual, self-indulgent bastard, prone to violent mood swings, unfamiliar and indifferent to logic, embracing the shittiest, lowest-grade pornographic tastes in human history, and having an overall effect on the market and world at large that's making me sound like a prissy old grandpa in my early '30s.

I mean, like you, I've created some pretty dumb moments over the years, made lots of mistakes, believe me. But at least you and I tried to learn from it, right? Fewer bother now. (I'm confident all the wise young people out there understand that this has absolutely nothing to do with them, but trust me—and I've been watching with a very specific agenda not to forget what it was like to be young—things have deteriorated.) As if inspired by this, even our leaders are acting like spoiled, teenage shoplifters, knowing full well they'll get away with it.

Note, for example, how little effect Ralph Klein's outright, utter plagiarism at Athabasca U will have on the masses. Why none? Because it underlines that fact that down deep, his blunder shows he's just a "regular dude, dude." This issue, which certainly should ensure his expulsion from university and would decimate any decent politician with ferocious embarrassment in days of yore, won't even go *that* far in the hearts of those living in our punchy province. Particularly where post-secondary education is seen as a threatening waste of time (and been priced out of most of our reaches, anyway).

Klein has basically offered up a defense that's strangely familiar, a juvenile boy's shrug that he didn't know any better. And because it is the year 2004, it will fly. It's almost impossible to remember a time when a politician would stand up and be a man, and not just say, but demonstrate that he's sorry.

But this Mindless Young Man's culture is spreading: Bush's schoolyard ambush of Iraq, yet to be convincingly rationalized. The overuse of the word "I" sung by growling sulkers on the radio. The fact that the male-only take on porn is so utterly mainstream now. Or men "taking back their identity" as burping, farting, beer-drinking slobs posing as a cultural movement.

Look, I'm a guy. And guys can be OK—great, even—so long as we choose to evolve. But our stagnant, lowest common denominator has too much sway right now. So you can either weakly blame the lack of heroes for it, or actually try and be one. Or is that copy of *FHM* too enticing for you?

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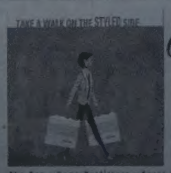
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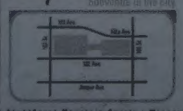
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The ultimate reality show is here: maybe now we can keep tabs on the truth

WE ARE AT THE END OF AN old way of telling the public the news of the day. The pictures of torturing at the prison in Baghdad, where so many have digital cameras, showed that newspapers and television are no longer the gatekeepers of what the public can see or be shielded from.

The old news way was to fret and fear and ask, How *could* you show the man in the Baghdad prison completely bare with dogs ready to attack him? Blur parts of his body. You can't show him otherwise. We are reporting the news, not sensationalizing it.

And the naked men in the Baghdad prison were set upon by dogs, and the reporters covering the Baghdad prison were really working for Amtrak.

Just about everybody with the curiosity you want in a news reader saw photo arrays of the torture. They saw them in any of a dozen Arab channels of the 1,000 we have out there in New York.

The ones who were protected from the torture pictures were the last old newspaper readers or network television news watchers.

Why were they being shielded from the news? Because they should be shielded from the news.

During a recent speech at Columbia Journalism School, I mentioned that the beheading of Nicholas Berg would scare and sicken editors, and that the lively people, who want to know about the times in which they live, want to see everything.

As I spoke, a student, James Klattell, pushed a laptop across the table. Here was the hooded Iraqi or whatever he was, holding onto Berg's severed head.

I arose yesterday to the sound of Nicholas Berg suddenly screaming out of the laptop on a desk as the hooded men cut his head off.

The video had been sent as e-mail by a friend, who had received it from somebody else he knew.

First were the prison photos on laptops, on cell phones with video attachments, on cable channels. Then came the live action of Nicholas Berg being beheaded.

Here is the new news reporting. If something is too gruesome, too ominous for the newspaper editor's taste, it matters not. The Internet will decide what you print, and if you don't care, if you want to stay in the past, then stay there with your dead newspaper. The Defense Department and politicians got into a secret room in Washington and looked at photos of the prison abuses. The Pentagon is deciding whether to give the pictures out to the general public or not.

And at that hour, people everywhere in the country were looking at an American being beheaded, in live action, and on Internet or television screens or on trains and buses where people held cell phones with video screens.

The prison pictures they watched in such secrecy belong to the public whose taxes pay for this war. These utter fools in suits and uniforms, some smooth-faced liar from the Pentagon, or a general who should be in a grand jury himself, try to control the free speech of the nation and commit a war crime.

They also show complete ignorance of today's life. Everybody will see each of those photos. It is just another standard that has collapsed. Already the line between publicity and notoriety has been erased. Today, all that is important to people is Being Known. Pornography is a word for the aging. The new people watch MTV, and when the newspapers and television censor behaviour and language they think is lewd and crude, their prime audience, the energetic, don't bother to read the papers or watch the news. How can people have any interest in these reality shows, which are in prime time for the Low IQ brigades, when real reality is good action footage of our team torturing Iraqis and their team decapitating an American? They are about real things. Vibrant, real life, *Survivor* shows.

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True Reality was Mr. Berg of West Chester, Pa., being beheaded in Iraq.

"The No Survivor Show."

The worst of what happened in Iraq was news, and the public must be shown and told about it. If you hide the dreadful, then you'll also omit something important to a kid's life. In 1963, Robert McNamara said our ships were fired on in the Gulf of Tonkin. They never were. The news reporting was weak and crazy. That put us into a war. Twenty-seven thousand Americans were killed by 1968. Then, Richard Nixon said he had a secret plan to end the war but he could not reveal it because then the enemy would know the secret.

Trust me. Another 20,000 Americans died. The final total was 58,000.

It won't happen so easily in a time when everything is printed or seen, torture, beheading, and if that news is not left out or diminished, then everything else you should know will be reported to you in a newspaper that will talk the news to you as you hold it. Soon.

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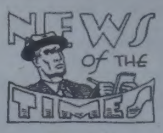

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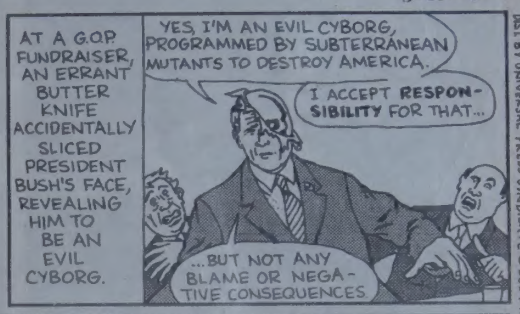

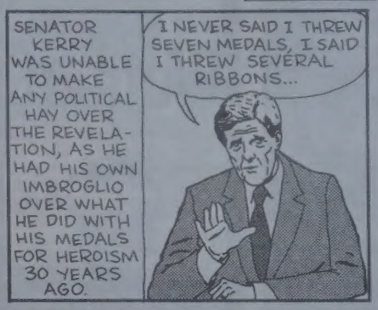

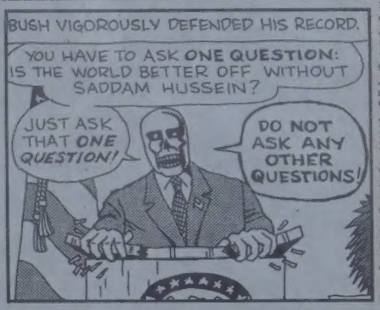

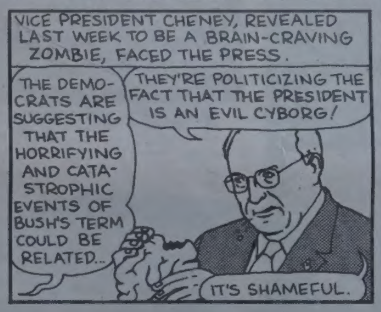

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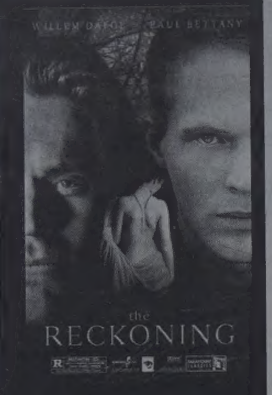

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Guy Maddin explains how to loosen dimly recalled feelings: use beer filled glass legs...

Lust, humiliation, wanking

THE SADDEST MUSIC IN THE WORLD
Directed by Guy Maddin
Starring Isabella Rossellini, Mark McKinney
Opens Fri, May 21

GUY MADDIN GROWS ON YOU. My first exposure to him was *Twilight of the Ice Nymphs*—admittedly, not his best film. But there was something noteworthy there, an odd fairytale sensibility that was unique, un-slick, and not typically Canadian. Besides, it had ostriches. Kind of neat.

Over the years, having seen even bad video copies of his seminal *Tales of Gimli Hospital* and his other early work, I started to really warm up to his films. A documentary, *Waiting for Twilight*, introduced Guy Maddin as a character, a harried film director who struggles with the making of Ice Nymphs. He seemed so no-nonsense and vulnerable, it made me want to take him home and feed him ice cream. Then, in 2000, he made *Heart of the World*—a beautiful, brilliant short film commissioned by the Toronto International Film Festival. I was hooked. Shortly thereafter, he made *Cowards Bend the Knee*, a fictionalized autobiography, and then his latest feature, *The Saddest Music in the World*, with Isabella Rosselini. I had been granted an interview, and was told to keep it under 15 minutes.

Let's start with the concept of confessional art and autobiography, which always seems to be part of your films.
It's almost just axiomatic that good art should be somewhat confessional. Outside of feeling good...it shouldn't just be the path of least resistance, or wanking. All I have as a litmus paper for when I'm trying to be psychologically true is my own life. There's a little bit of me in all the characters, in *Cowards Bend the Knee*. I've actually inserted a character with my name in it, but I found myself identifying with the woman I'm locking horns with, the girlfriend. It's sort of a surprise—for once it was easier to write the female character. But it's like Ingmar Bergman—in his films with Liv Ullmann, in *Persona*—where both of the women characters are autobiographical.

Your latest film is called *The Saddest Music in the World*, which hasn't yet screened in Edmonton. So I was going to ask you what your favourite feelings are...
Like wanking...

Yes!
I also love humiliation, when lust backfires badly. Melodrama is the truthful depiction of the human heart interacting with another human heart. Good melodrama presents an uninhibited expression of the feelings when we are dreaming, when we are allowed to scream, or cry or flee—all these unbecoming, inappropriate things. It's naturalism unleashed, naturalism of the night. What hearts do on the battlefield. Even the most repressed feelings become recognizable, you know, "A love triangle with a woman with glass legs filled with beer," oh yes, I recognize that, even if you never were in a love triangle you remem-

ber your first unrequited love. It loosens dimly recalled feelings.

It's something I've always loved about your work. But I also love that you're returning to the lo-fi, experimental look that kind of started with *Tales of Gimli Hospital*, with *Heart of the World*. It's brilliantly edited.
It's exciting: I'm creating stuff that's fresher to my eye. It's more fun to edit. *Gimli Hospital* was leisurely, but I could tighten it up by 20 minutes.

So what are you trying to do differently now?
I made the observation after making three features that Canadian films have these passive protagonists. Americans have active protagonists that make things happen. Canadian protagonists observe—there's almost a donut hole centre there, and absence. So I made a point of making proactive—that's not even a word, is it?—anyhow, proactive characters and situations, in structure anyway. And since I'm making melodrama, contriving a plot is hardly a betrayal of that. So I'm keeping the editing brisk, and music That's what I've learned. I've tried not to learn much more. I've successfully unlearned the standard film vocabulary. I want to keep things slightly jarring and surprising. I'm making myself a child: I love work done by kids before their parents ruin it by teaching them perspective and keeping the colour in the lines.

It's great that you're still making films in Winnipeg.
Manitoba's got a healthy, aggressive film body that believes in going out and finding film projects. It's my hometown and I know the place really well; I steep myself in the mythology. So I'm helping the film industry, and it's certainly supporting me.

How the heck did you explain Winnipeg to Isabella Rosselini?
[Laughs] I have friends who can cast a spell on anything so you can see the world: every little ash can and elm leaf is a piece of wonderment. I just don't have that. So we just developed a relationship; we talked about things. It was a privilege, a kind of magic in an enchanted bell jar. It was very odd—she's looking in my cupboards in my kitchen at the biscuits. She came to Winnipeg a month early and we sort of just hung out; I showed her around the many strange corners—but if you go to New York, our strange corners don't seem as strange. I never pressed the issue: "So do you like it?"

But Winnipeg's a great prairie city, with hidden charms. It's something we say to ourselves here all the time! There's more than just the Mall.
Oh yeah, you have the Mall. I went to the Mall of America a while ago. It's not special to be depressed by a mall, but I hated it. I went to West Edmonton Mall once and enjoyed it. I expected something similar, but I had to go get drunk after to get it out of me. You must also have a big statue of Wayne Gretzky somewhere....

At this point, we just talk for a while about hockey and the melodrama that is the Edmonton Oilers, which stretches a 15-minute interview another 10 minutes or so. And I gush, embarrassingly, about how much I love his films, which he takes very well. Thank you and goodbye, Guy Maddin. Good luck on the lust, humiliation, and wanking.

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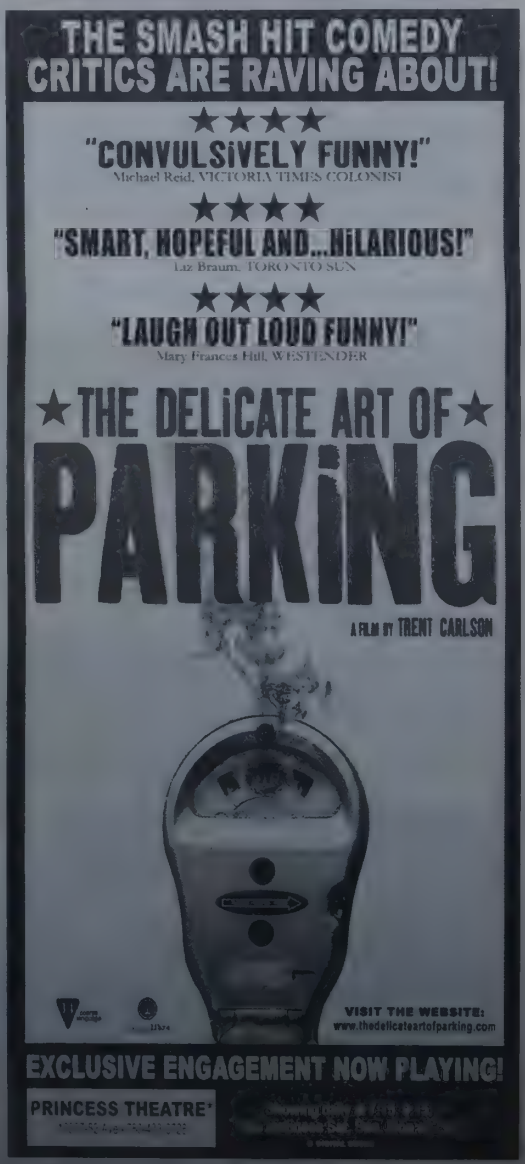


TROY
Directed by Wolfgang Peterson
Starring Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom, Diane Kruger, Peter O'Toole, Brain Cox, Brendan Gleeson, and Sean Bean
Now playing
★★★1/2 (out of five)

AS ANYONE WHO WATCHED *Hercules* cartoons as a kid will know, there's nothing wrong with messing around with Greek mythology as long as it's entertaining. Then again, you might also believe that there's an all-seeing Owl-Man, that a tin can on your head makes you indestructible, and that all monsters make the same phlegmy "WHGGGGGGGH-HHHH-WHGGGGGGHHHHH" noise.

The point is that there's a lot of great storytelling potential to work with. More than the Gods and fantastic beasties, however, it's the human foibles that make the tales so appealing. The double-edged swords of love, power, pride, ambition, war, etc., never seem to get dull.

This may be why director Wolfgang Peterson (*Das Boot*, *Perfect Storm*) chose David Benioff's adaptation of the Troy story. This version (or portion, actually) of *The Iliad* dumps the literal Gods and mythical creatures for the historical drama approach.

The plot begins with Prince Hector (Eric Bana) and brother Prince Paris (Orlando Bloom) signing a peace accord on behalf of Troy with Sparta's King Menelaus (Brendan Gleeson). During the week of festivity, Paris falls in love with the King's wife, Helen (German actress Diane Kruger), and, ignoring the obvious consequences, takes her with him when they leave.

Menelaus asks his brother, King Agamemnon (Brian Cox), to help him get revenge. The conquering king sees this as an opportunity to collect yet another kingdom, and so mobilizes his massive army; however, he needs Sparta's greatest warrior, Achilles (Brad Pitt), to lead the charge and kick some bronzed Trojan ass. The arrogant but observant warrior despises Agamemnon, and he only agrees to participate when Odysseus (Sean Bean) appeals to his ego and convinces Achilles it's the only way his name will live through the ages.

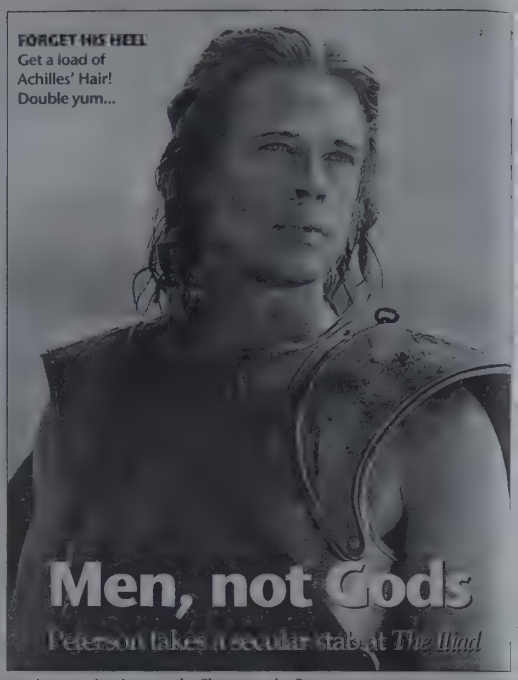
So, once 50,000 swords and associated sandals land on Troy's beachfront property, it's a war. Not a 10-year war, as in the poem, but one that lasts a couple of weeks with several stoppages. A victory for either side depends on a number of factors, like the willingness of the temperamental Achilles to fight at any given moment, whether King Priam of Troy (Peter O'Toole) chooses to listen to the supernatural-obsessed elders or to his practical son, Hector, and also on a few major elements not in *The Iliad*.

Unfortunately, neither Achilles' affection for Hector's captured cousin, nor the appearance of the Trojan horse, really work in the film. Although Peterson is a talented action director able to manage exhilarating sword-clanging battles, his direction doesn't compel the viewer to believe that either Paris or Achilles are so in love that they're capable of such dangerous decision-making.

Regardless, so much transpires in the story, and with almost every character driven simultaneously by his or her soaring virtues and crushing flaws, it's tough not to get caught up in it. One of the best scenes has Priam sneaking into the Spartan camp to plead with Achilles to return his son. The enemies respectfully concede they're both bound to the fates no matter how tortuous the cost in blood.

Priam is powerful despite his frailty, and Achilles is frail despite all his power. Although most media would have you believe Pitt exists in the movie only to look hot while naked, he's convincing as a man consumed by his own myth.

With sweeping CG that doesn't look like CG, and the drive to tell a rousing, non-ironic story, the film could've stood behind the great epics of the 1950s. It falls short, though, because of James Horner's overcooked score.



It's unfortunate because the original soundtrack, composed by Gabriel Yared (*Cold Mountain*), was deemed by the studio to be too "old-fashioned" (a strange failing for a movie set thousands of years ago), and replaced by the one from the cliché-monger responsible for the scores for cheese like *Titanic*, *Radio*, and *Bicentennial Man*. (To hear Yared's superior score, and more on the fiasco, go to www.gabrielyared.com).

The more appropriate modernization of the myth lies in the film's strong statement against imperialism, war, and the use of religion to justify either. This, rather than Horner's auditory masturbation, gives *Troy* resonance.

That said, it sure would be sweet to see a modern fantasy-based Hercules movie, replete with a hydra going, "WHGGGGGGGH-HHHH-WHGGGGGGHHHHH."

"Newton, my bow!"

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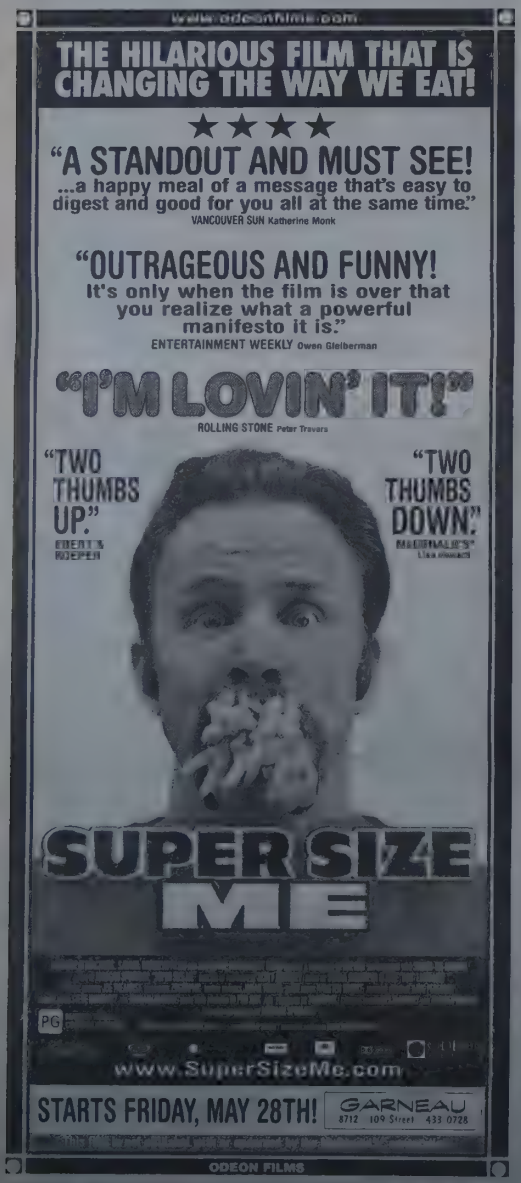


Screw The Rules

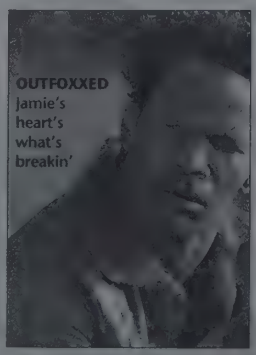
Formula film just not bad enough

BREAKIN' ALL THE RULES
Staring Jamie Foxx, Morris Chestnut, and Gabrielle Union
Directed by Daniel Taplitz
Now playing
★1/2 (out of five)

BREAKIN' ALL THE RULES would have benefited from being worse. A truly terrible movie would, at the very least, have been enjoyable to watch—in a "it's so bad it's awesome" sort of way. Instead, the film is so standard and mediocre most people who see it will forget it by the following week.

Breakin' is about magazine editor Quincy Watson (Jamie Foxx) who is dumped by his girlfriend in front of his buddies. Depressed, Quincy quits his high-paying job and wallows in his own crapulence. In the process of trying to write a letter to his now ex-girlfriend, he ends up producing a manuscript about how best to initiate the perfect breakup. His publishing executive-cum-ex-boss sees it and—one hasty montage later—Quincy finds himself rolling in money and fame.

The film's remainder focuses on classic screwball comedy routines that turn on mistaken identities and



falling in love. Quincy goes out with a girl, but has to lie to her from the get-go; she, too, lies to him, and a surfeit of decidedly uninspired and conventional plot twists block their path to bliss. Like the film itself, their troubles never overwhelm and all ends as it (transparently) should.

The weakness of this tiresome ordeal is twofold. First, the plot is bland, canned and predictable. The same stock characters have managed the same stock obstacles in countless romantic comedies before. Second, the film isn't very funny. Sometimes sharp writing and tremendous actor chemistry can revitalize unoriginal and boring material. That doesn't happen here. The acting and writing isn't dreadful, it simply isn't good enough to save this film from laughter purgatory. Foxx in particular is charming enough to be passable, but not funny enough to make the film worth seeing.

Neither does director Daniel Taplitz do much to raise *Breakin'* above the level of entertainment drivel. The composition is mostly bland, and doesn't galvanize positive or negative attention. The whole piece feels like a slickly produced high-budget sitcom pilot.

This isn't to say that *Breakin'* is a complete train wreck. While there are very few laugh-out-loud moments, the film is breezy enough to not be tedious and elicits a few chuckles.

However, the film's failure to achieve a complete meltdown doesn't mean it's good. *Breakin' All the Rules* doesn't arouse much emotion of any type because it doesn't break any of the rules itself; it copies the conventions of other films in the genre. And because *Breakin'* is showing only at the hideously-expensive North and South Edmonton Common cinemas, I can't think of a single solid reason why anyone would want to see it.

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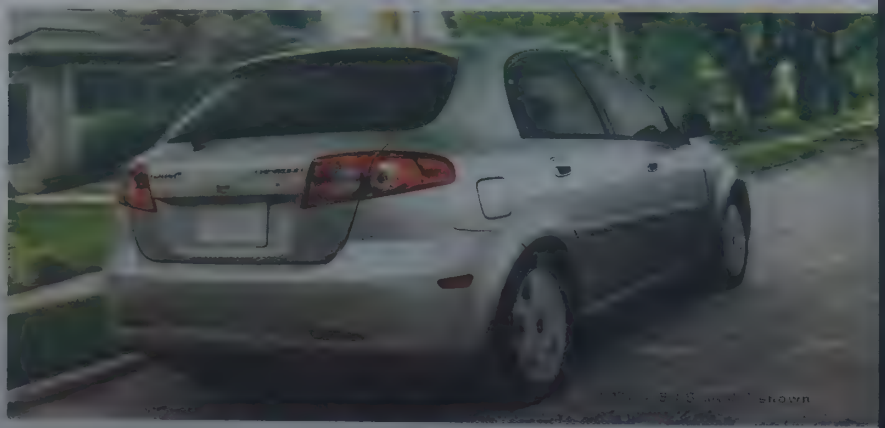

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Mad transit

Winterbottom "pseudo-documentary" tracks young refugees

IN THIS WORLD
Directed by Michael Winterbottom
May 21-24, 9 pm
Metro Cinema
Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre
★★★★ (out of five)

IT IS SAID THAT QUEEN VICtoria once put a ransom on the mangosteen fruit—any adventurer sailing from the East Indies who could supply her with unspoiled samples of the mythically delicious fruit would be amply rewarded. How we take international travel for granted—in season, the treasured fruit is now available in supermarkets, even in far-flung Edmonton.

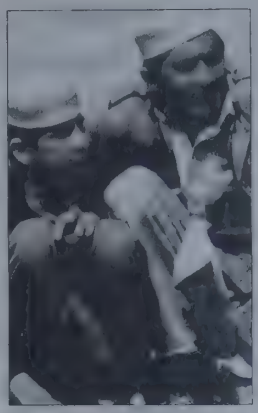
So it is really, really hard to reconcile the relative ease of the transit of fruit to the painful journey of Jamal and Enayat, the two young Afghan refugees traveling from Pakistan to an erstwhile "better life" in London, England in Michael Winterbottom's *In This World*.

The director introduces the film itself, a loosely scripted story of migration that had become pseudo-documentary—"travel the journey with them"—as the two first-time actors had never been outside of Pakistan. And more poignantly, the younger, Jamal Udin Torabi, reenacted the fiction of the story by returning to London after the shoot wrapped. He is now living as a refugee in the U.K.

In This World is shot on DV, and at the outset it looks and sounds like news—a BBC-esque narrator introduces the audience to the refugee camp in Peshawar, Pakistan. Here, we are introduced to Enayat (Enayatullah) and his cousin Jamal. Enayat's uncle has decided to send his nephew to London, and it is at a wedding that Jamal (a precocious wheeler-dealer) announces that he knows someone who can make the arrangements. Jamal also decides that he will accompany Enayat as an interpreter.

Not being able to afford air travel, they must take the dangerous overland route: "Death is everywhere." Though that may be, it is an opportunity that they cannot pass up. With a promise that they will call upon arrival, they board a bus

A *Raiders of the Lost Ark*-style map marks their route: from Peshawar, a red line traces along the road to Quetta, where they are put in the back of a truck, then enroute to Iran, Turkey, and onward to Europe.



Along the way, Jamal teaches his cousin a smattering of English: "mountain", "snow". That pretty much describes the landscape over which they travel, beautifully captured in green-gold video. Winterbottom's skeleton crew manages to get close to his subjects, so much so that it's not clear what's scripted and what's merely serendipity

Brotherly Enayat is the protector over the more adventurous Jamal, whose street smarts combine delightfully with his youthful charm. "Let's have an ice cream!" he says, resulting in an enormous cone dripping with chocolate sauce. It is one of the lighter moments during their trip, showing the camaraderie between the young men. It just makes the tragedy that awaits them all the more heartbreaking.

Jamal and Enayat are metaphors, stand-ins for millions without home or nation—but, as the film never fails to point out, Jamal and Enayat are as real as the children who crowd the lens after the story has ended: what of their stories?

MARI SASANO

Cornered in Montreal

Jutra-winning doc charts decline of a community cornerstone

ROGER TOUPIN
Directed by Benoit Pilon
May 21 – 24, 7 pm
Metro Cinema
Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre
★★★1/2 (out of five)

ROGER TOUPIN IS A GANGLY Quebecois, 52 years old with a simple life. In 1939, his father opened a corner shop in Montreal, selling household items, canned foods and candy to the families that lived in the neighbourhood. Roger was born and raised in the apartment above the shop, and when his father retired in the '70s, he took over the store.

Roger Toupin: Epicier Variete is a documentary on the ordinary man who has been the proprietor of a neighbourhood institution for 30 years. He has seen people come and go, but his entire life has been devoted to his family's business.

Director Benoit Pilon interviews Roger on video, asking questions on camera conversation-style. Over the course of the film, he documents the gradual dismantling of the shop and the lifestyle that it once reflected: families no longer live in the area, it's gentrifying into a yuppie enclave with no need for a can of soup or penny candies.

This documentary won a Jutra award, the Quebec equivalent of the Genies. It runs a little long, but it's worth seeing as a sensitive portrait of a community.

But first, we meet the man. He's not much to look at, a balding skinny guy with a Marty Feldman lazy eye. But he's made himself a fixture for the Old Stove League, a loose association of middle-aged men who use the store as a morning hangout, drinking 50-cent cups of coffee and gabbing, sometimes bringing out the fiddle and accordion. Just like Toupin's dad used to.

It's impossible to separate Roger Toupin from his family, especially his parents. He has been caring for his mother, Maria, now 85, since his father passed away. He has never married, although he dated the love of his life, Francine, for 17 years, until she too died nine years ago. His parents, he says, gave him so much. He is trying to pay them back.

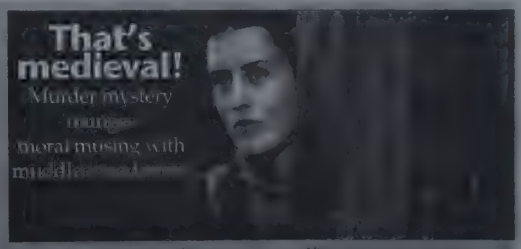
"This was my cradle," says Nestor, Roger's buddy. Nestor, like many other children born out of wedlock in Quebec, was raised in an orphanage. Surrogate family is an unlikely role for Toupin, but the gravity of his business makes him bigger than he is as an individual.

But Maria is getting older. Toupin's siblings want to sell the apartment and store to put her into a nursing home. Roger, of course, would rather take care of her and keep the shop, but puts on a cheerful face. It has to be done.

Roger seems to be keeping up a front, stoically dealing with what should be a traumatic change in his life. How will he live out the rest of his days?

MARI SASANO

THE RECKONING
Directed by Paul McGuigan
Starring Willem Dafoe, Paul Bettany, Gina McKee
Opens Fri. May 20
★★★ (out of five)



IN 14TH CENTURY ENGLAND, A TIME of war and banditry, when the Black Plague and political corruption run rampant across the land, a fugitive priest joins a troupe of traveling actors. By fluke the troupe arrives at a village where the players encounter a woman being sentenced to death for the murder of a young boy. Defying tradition, the players discard their usual Biblical skit, and instead opt to stage a performance based on this real-life crime.

But the players don't have the facts straight and, through the creation and performance of the play, learn that the accused woman may be innocent and the ruthless killer still at large. Enter the fugitive preacher turned amateur sleuth, following a trail that leads to the nearby castle, which towers over the village.

Directed by Paul McGuigan from Mark Mills' adaptation of Barry Unsworth's novel *Morality Play*, *The Reckoning* pairs the symbolically loaded medieval-mystery form of *The Name of the Rose* with an unwavering faith in art's power to force social change. So much, in fact, that this play within the idea of the morality play is brimming with moral lessons

For starters, there's the title itself. "Sin in the beginning, be it ever so sweet, but the reckoning comes, be you ever so fleet" etc. Then there's the discourse on faith versus free will, the pros and cons of "the silence of consent", the driving home of the unflinching conviction that one should be prepared to die for what one believes in, and the idea that art can be so powerful that it reveals "the Truth" to others. Although merely staging a play, the players challenge the idea of God, the power of the church, the feudal system—and topple them all! In itself, a pretty ambitious statement.

In the end, this is a thoroughly modern murder mystery, driven as much by imagination as it is by historical exactness. Afterall, it's acted in modern English, and the occasional music-video-style editing only serves to break the spell. And while in a rather heavy-handed helping of symbolism, Vincent Cassell is well underutilised as the brooding tool of foreshadowing, the rest of the cast manage to convincingly present a slice of the later Middle Ages in all of its inglriousness

Hence, given the popularity of the quasi-medieval epics that have graced the screens lately, it's refreshing to be once again dropped into the rude poverty of the real Middle Ages, where lords and commoners alike lived saturated in death and disease, relying on sorcery, superstition, and a healthy dose of black humour to stay alive

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FILM CAPS

13 Going On 30 (PG) Mousy Jenna's 13th birthday wish for the magazine fantasy of 30 is answered by "wishing powder": now she's living in a New York apartment with a high-powered job. Unfortunately, she's still a teenager inside. Marketed as a movie for teens, it's actually pretty good for those approaching 30, but there's something questionable about the idealization of youth implied in unchallenged nostalgia for the '80s, and in how the film negates the benefits of painful experience. ★★★1/2 (MS)

Breakin' All the Rules (PG) Reviewed in this issue.

The Corporation (PG) This documentary ought to get us all thinking about how to rein in the seemingly reckless profiteering that corporations were purpose built to indulge in. It entertains while it enlightens, offers hope while delineating the contours of far-reaching, faceless capitalist evil, and even finds a few corporate CEOs you wouldn't mind having over for supper. It would be a shame if it were seen only by people who already hold huge transnationals in low esteem. ★★★★ (SL)

Dawn of the Dead (18A) Fledgling filmmaker Zack Snyder was entrusted with the most and least enviable assignment–remake the George Romero classic–and succeeds. The film reuses the premise of a diverse group of strangers fortified in a shopping mall against hordes of undead. An action movie with some humour, plenty of scares, and a welcome lack of poisonous irony that ruins so many movies, much of its success relies on having genuine characters worth caring about. ★★★★ (DA)

The Delicate Art of Parking (14A) A low-budget Canadian film that gets it right. It's got the charm and character-driven laughs of *FUBAR* or *Trailer Park Boys*, but also the polish and sophistication of *Best in Show* or *Waiting for Guffman*. It might not make you feel less like choking the life out of the prick that gives you a ticket 30-seconds after your meter expires, but it should boost your confidence in homegrown cinema. ★★★★ (DA)

Good bye, Lenin! (14A) In a coma, devoted German Communist Party member Christiane misses the fall of Wall falls and the arrival of capitalism. Warned that any shock might be dangerous, her son, Alex, tries to shield her from the truth. The film's charms are many, beginning with the cast. Daniel Bruhl as Alex and Katrin Sass as Christiane bring so much love into what could be a mere comedy, moving the gimmick of the plot into the realm of a very touching drama that doesn't let the lie sit so easily. ★★★★ (MS)

I'm Not Scared (14A) Based on a best-selling Italian novel, the deservedly Academy Award-nominated *I'm Not Scared* centres on a 10-year-old boy, Michele, who is starting to discover truths about the kind of person he is and the realities of his parents and the adult world. Big questions, big ideas—but packaged up in a well-paced, beautifully shot psychological thriller. ★★★1/2 (MS)

Kill Bill: Vol. 2 (18A) *KB1* is an epic work of exploitation fetish in which the ultimate movie geek's wet dreams are given A-list talent, incredible cinematography, a killer soundtrack. *KB2* is pretty fun, but it fails to surpass the first installment. Tarantino has a different agenda and delves into character for emotional weight: more heads get talked off than chopped off. When Bill and The Bride should be embroiled in battle during the (anti) climax, she's sitting on the couch listening to his Superman theory. ★★★1/2 (DA)

Laws of Attraction (PG) Julianne Moore plays a high-powered New York divorce lawyer who has never lost a case. Her opponent in a high-profile case is devil-may-care Pierce Brosnan. With the help of a misty Irish castle and drunkenness, they find themselves married. Thankfully, Moore is just the right overachiever, and Brosnan still has the charm to carry off this ridiculous premise. When it's not being try-too-hard witty and by-the-numbers gooey, the movie throws some wisdom your way. ★★★ (MS)

Man On Fire (18A) As in *Kill Bill*, a highly trained assassin has happiness snatched away in a hail of bullets, cuts a bloody swath of revenge on his way to the boss man, and is softened by a little blonde girl. But while both films are completely over-the-top, ultra-violent fantasies, only *Kill Bill* is honest. *Man on Fire* director Tony Scott tries to convince you you're watching something deeply meaningful, when he's just dressed up a gratuitous vengeance tale with "serious" melodrama. ★★ (DA)

Mean Girls (PG) Sweet, innocent and socially sheltered Cady Heron (Lindsay Lohan) is exposed to the complicated world of teenage girl politics has so many subtle rules, weird details, and sophisticated levels of twisted manipulation. Unlike most cookie-cutter teen movie scripts, Tina Fey's razor-witted effort doesn't simply write-off this female treachery as trivial. Where this film falls short is in investigating *why* this crazy level of rage exists, where it really comes from, and what could be done about it. ★★★ (JW)

New York Minute (G) A merciless 90 minutes longer than the title promises, the Olsen twins' unentertaining second foray into a theatrically released feature film is so bad that it isn't even campy bad. Their misadventures in the Big City are punctuated by stereotypes, homilies on the evils of piracy and a lesson about individuality... delivered by two people whose careers are predicated on sameness. ★ (MS)

Passion of the Christ (18A) The first time this 1,971-year-old morality play has ever been produced with the visual sensibilities of a full-on Rob Zombie meat flick. As writer, director and bank-roller, Mel Gibson never holds back. He gets a little crackers with his depiction of a cursed and hallucinating Judas, but give him break: overall he's made the definitive Jesus Christ film, and probably the most spectacular religious movie ever. ★★★★1/2 (FG)

Punisher (18A) At least Dolph Lundgren's wooden 1989 version of the Marvel Comics vigilante had enough sense to hide out while fighting the mafia. This Punisher is a complete moron: luckily the bad guys are even dumber. The film takes its audience for idiots, nonsensically pooling together the requisite car chases, explosions, love interest, wacky sidekicks, gadgetry, black trench-coat, one-liners and shoot-outs, all set to a horrendous hard-rock/nu-metal soundtrack. ★★ (DA)

The Reckoning (14A) reviewed in this issue.

Butterfly Effect (18A) reviewed in this issue.

Secret Window (14A) Your decision about whether to pony up for *Secret Window* rests on two things: a) your tolerance Stephen King's formula story-telling, and b) your belief in Johnny Depp's ability to carry a film. If you've read more than four of King's stories, you'll know where the plot is headed immediately. Then it's a tedious exercise in narrative connect-the-dots. If it weren't for Depp and John Turturro, though, the whole thing might be laughable. ★★1/2 (DA)

Starsky and Hutch (14A) A pleasant, amusing buddy-cop comedy based on the '70s TV series. No real moments of brilliance, but consistent amusement throughout, with Owen Wilson as the relaxed, easygoing loosey-goosey-with-the-rules cop, Ben Stiller as the high-strung, rule-following by-the-book cop. They're funny (but not hilarious) together ★★★1/2 (SN)

Touching the Void (14A) An audacious docudrama about the survival of British climber Joe Simpson after falling 150 feet and getting stuck in a crevasse with a broken leg. The film combines frank interviews with Simpson and his climbing partner, dramatic re-enactments by actors and some of the most stunning mountain photography ever filmed. A tautly constructed true-life thriller and a fairly radical piece of filmmaking. ★★★★ (JA)

Troy (14A) Reviewed in this issue.

Twisted (14A) Another lame thriller with some improbable situation and a plot that yanks back and forth casting aspersions and suspicions on various members of the cast until we get to the end and have it all explained to us. Ashley Judd is a cop investigating a murder case where she's her own best suspect, but it gets kinda dull: none of what's going on is all that engaging. ★★ (SN)

United States of Leland (14A) Leland seems to be an average suburban teenager, so when he kills the mentally handicapped brother of his ex-girlfriend, everyone is puzzled. In lieu of getting a qualified mental health professional involved, his family provide a raft of subplots that compete with, rather than elaborate on, the film's professed central concern. If Director Matthew Hoge has something to say about the way social institutions respond to teen violence, he's left it completely unsaid. ★★1/2 (SL)

Van Helsing (18A) *Van Helsing* is awash in atrocity: the long torturous death of Universal monster movies at the hands of a director Steven Sommers. Every last frame is dedicated to eye candy, no matter how unlikely, unnecessary, or unoriginal a scene may be. Van Helsing (Hugh Jackman) tracks down monsters for the Vatican. But what's this? Franken-electric alien eggs? Don't vampires simply bite humans to make more vampires? ★ (DA)

Reviewers: Dave Alexander, Fish Griwkowsky, Scott Lingley, Stephen Notley, Mari Sasano, Julianne Wilding

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Time on their side

Visualeyez marks a fifth year of temporal treats

VISUALEYEZ
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Opening Gala
Featuring Keiko Kamma and Twin Fangs
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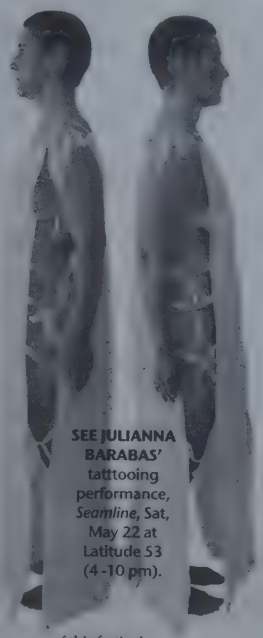
VISUALEYEZ, A FESTIVAL OF perfomance and time-based art hosted by Latitude 53, is a little unusual for an arts festival in that what is being exhibited isn't necessarily what many people would think of as art: it pushes boundaries far beyond what hangs on a wall. So, if you see something a little strange on the streets in the next several days, you might be seeing a festival artist at work. Laura Kozak, festival assistant of Visualeyez, explains:

What is this festival about?
The festival starts on May 20th and goes until the 29th. It's all performance and time-based art—a performance or video that plays for a time rather than a permanent installation.

Why have a festival for performance art?
It's kind of an unexplored area of visual art. Visualeyez is the only festival of its kind in Canada. It's something really growing as a visual expression, and it fosters a community locally and by bringing together artists from all over the world and exposes an audience, often outside the gallery experience.

Is there an overall theme to the festival?
All of the work investigates the theme of time: the artists question how time works and exists in the world—the cultural relation of the passage of time in relation to technology.

Last year, there were quite a few pieces that took place off-site. Where will things take place this year?



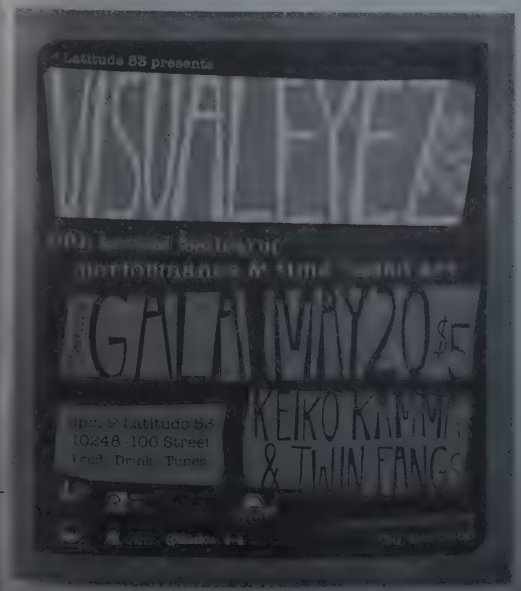
SEE JULIANNA BARABAS' tattooing performance, *Seamline*, Sat, May 22 at Latitude 53 (4-10 pm).

of this festival takes place in the gallery. There's a video installation up for the duration of the festival by Montreal artist Manon de Pauw. It's called *Paperwork*, and it's a projection on the floor and there's an installation of stacks of paper. It's about the amount of time we spend on useless pieces of paper, moving them from one pile to another—ridiculous bureaucracy. There are images of the artist submerged in paper that pop up here and there.

There are two outside of the gallery. One is a public intervention about how we relate to strangers by an artist named Darren O'Donnell; it's called *The Talking Creature*, and it takes place in Old Strathcona in McIntyre Park. He arranges for participants to meet at the park, [and] they then disperse to bring more people back for an unmediated conversation. It's an excuse to talk to strangers. The original group will be participants he invites: other artists or people at the gala or people who see the signage that he puts up around town. I'm not sure how willing people will be to participate, but it runs throughout the week on the evenings.

How will the festival kick off? Is there a big party?
There's a big opening gala this Thursday with a performance by a Japanese artist named Keiko Kamma. [It's] a kind of video performance with a live conversation with the audience: she makes a video recording with immediate playback, creating a dialogue dealing with time and memory. It's called *Once Upon the Time in Your Life*. And there's food and a performance by the band the Twin Fangs.

MARI SASANO



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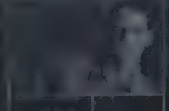

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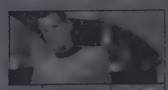

John Stetch 'Exponentially Monk'
Edmonton-born pianist John Stetch comes back home in support of his newest release, *Exponentially Monk* on the Justin Time label. Stetch has emerged on the world stage as one of the most innovative, imaginative and dynamic pianists of his generation, receiving accolades from *Downbeat* to *Billboard* and around the world.
WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

plus, **Sandro Dominelli's** *Café Varzé*

Denzal Sinclaire Quartet
When Denzal Sinclaire walks on stage, eyes follow. Verve recording artist Denzal Sinclaire returns to Edmonton this year as a headliner after opening for Holly Cole at last year's Festival with an award under his arm. Denzal recently received the Best Album Award at the National Jazz Awards this year and has been voted Male Jazz Vocalist of the Year for four consecutive years by Canada's *Jazz Report Magazine*.
THURSDAY JULY 01

Chris Potter Quartet
A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Verve recording artist saxophonist Chris Potter moved up to New York City at the age of 18 to study at the Manhattan School of Music. On *Traveling Mercies*, the saxophonist reflects upon some of the times he encountered on recent tours and examines the ways in which history has shaped the country, socially, spiritually and musically.
SATURDAY JULY 03

Pat Martino Quartet
Grammy-nominated Pat Martino is a jazz guitar legend who had to learn how to play the guitar twice. When the magnificent worn off, he looked up blankly at his parents and his doctors and tried to piece together any memory of his life. Martino has suffered a severe brain aneurysm in 1980 and underwent surgery after being told that his condition could be terminal. He barely recognized his parents and had no memory of his guitar or his career. He remembers feeling as if he had been "dropped cold, empty, neutral, cleansed, naked." Martino has been recognized as one of the most exciting and virtuosic guitarists in jazz.
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Who: Brent Chaikowsky
Occupation: Senior hair stylist at Evelyn Charles
Age: 27 (single)
Style inspiration: '80s music and cheesy accessories.
Hair: [illegible] at Evelyn Charles
Where: Edmonton Centre.
Wearing:
Jacket—Value Village ($12);
Shirt—Urban Outfitters ($25);
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Shoes—Vans, Gravity Pope ($40);
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Wristband—Henry Singer ($12).
Interests: Snowboarding, music, and alter egos.
Favorite cereal: Lucky Charms with [illegible]% or soymilk.
Favorite movie: *Run Lola Run, Fubar*
Listening to: [illegible], Melanhead, the Walkmen, Morrissey and Radiohead.
Currently Reading: *The Dirt: Confessions of the World's Most Notorious Rock Band*, by Motley Crue.
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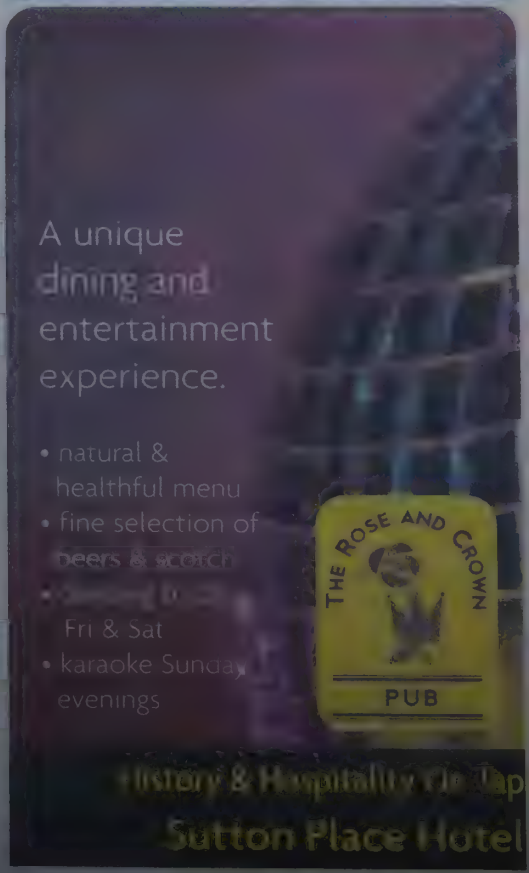
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Haggard, but unbowed

Legendary country iconoclast still ready to rumble

MERLE HAGGARD
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THE FIGHTIN' SIDE OF MERLE

"OH, WE'RE IN A TERRIBLE PERiod for music right now, I think," laments Merle Haggard over the phone from his home/office in Southern California.

A deeply reserved man with a propensity for polite but brief answers, his interest in the third interview of the day is only stirred when the topic is turned to the current state of country music. "There's some good things happening, but it's all about perfection, and there's nothing as boring as perfection. Y'know, it's a force feed, and it's easier to force feed people something that don't have much to say than something that *has* something to say. And, uh, there's one or two people, one or two conglomerates controlling all the music that's being released in America. It's like the news—it's a big game."

That last sentence is as far as I'll get with Haggard on politics. The dream interview where I finally ask him how he feels now about such early right wing blasts as "Okie From Muskogee" and "Fightin' Side of Me," or his recent statements in opposition to the current war in Iraq, crumbles against Haggard's reticence and my own star-struck gibbering. Haggard is a tough one to figure out, a stubborn iconoclast responsible for not only some of the most empathic country numbers ever recorded ("Sing Me Back Home," "Mama Tried") but a few of the ugliest ("Okie", "I'm A White Boy"). He shook hands with number one fan Richard Nixon, and then called the man a liar during Watergate; he castigated Vietnam War protestors, but has lined up as an angry critic of the Bush administration for *this* war. He obviously won't be prodded into any political discussions at this particular moment. But the music industry? You can stoke that particular fire with the Hag all day if you want.

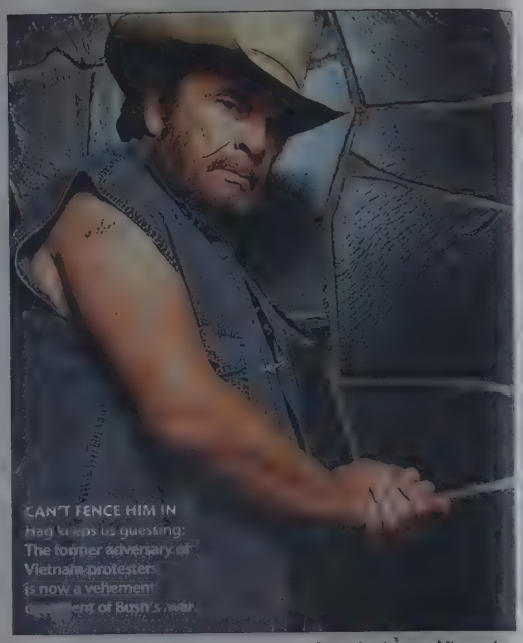
(ALL OF MY SONGS ARE GONNA USE) PROTOOLS

"It's gotta come around to the real deal, somehow or other there's gotta be a way of knowin', and finding out, and you just don't *know* nowadays," he states bluntly. "You pick up a record, somebody knocks you out on that record, but you have no idea whether your listening to somebody doin' what they're doin' or whether it's manipulated by a studio hand. They've got a little deal they can run your record through that'll tune you right up." He chuckles. "Take a flat note and bring it right up where it's supposed to be. There're a lot of new acts that use it on stage, and they couldn't sing in key if they had a gun at their head."

Shania, are you listening? Nobody ever had to put a gun to Haggard's head to get that world weary, bluesy tone that floats somewhere between his singing heroes Bing Crosby and Lefty Frizzell. That was helped along by his knowledge of blues, western swing, honky tonk, and country, and, likely, by his two year stay in San Quentin, the culmination of years of youthful brushes with the law where he doubtlessly saw more than his share of guns. Haggard is a brilliant singer/songwriter and a lousy criminal; it's a good thing he realized it at the right time.

BACK TO THE BARROOMS

He did take away from his prison experiences a deep distrust of authority and a bedrock sympathy for the working man, values that course through such classic albums as *A Working Man Can't Get Nowhere Today* and *Branded Man*, which still crop up on recent albums. Hell, he helped carry the torch for authentic roots music alongside the Outlaws of the '70s and the New Traditionalists of the '80s, only to find himself abandoned in the '90s as an embarrassment to a Nashville establishment intent on scrubbing out all traces of rural lineage in country music. It didn't take, of course: Haggard and his fellow travelers were hurt by the industry snubbing, but hung in there, falling back on their core audiences until the roots revival of the last few years. Hag's critical reassessment after years in the wilderness came about when he released *If I Could Only Fly* on Anti Records, a subsidiary of Epitaph, in 2000. He's released a few more since, mostly on smaller labels, but also has plans for his own label, Hag Records.



CAN'T FENCE HIM IN
Hag keeps us guessing: The former adversary of Vietnam protesters is now a vehement [illegible] of Bush's war

"I've had a record company of my own for about five years," he says proudly. "I was just doing gospel music on it, at first, but now I've started opening it up and I'm probably gonna be distributing it through EMI/Capitol. We're still very good friends with all the people over there at Anti and Epitaph. [Label president] Andy Caulkin played piano on my last record, *Haggard Like Never Before*, and it wasn't even released on his label!"

TOM MURRAY

Player's ball

Blues Fest organizers announce solid line-up: frm pro pickers to beautiful belters

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Correction: Blues Fest info line is 708-7230

THE THIRD WEEK OF AUGUST IS STILL a ways off, but we figured we'd give you a small taste of the talent to be featured at this years Labatt Blues Festival, as announced at the festival's May 19 press conference.

Morgan Davis', who won the SOCAN 1999 Songwriter of the Year award for his album *Painkiller*, has thrilled Canadian audiences since the Toronto performer came here from the States in the late '60s.

Donald Ray Johnson has backed up the likes of Big Mama Thornton and Big Joe Turner, and drummed with disco favorites Taste Of Honey, who won a Grammy in 1979 for Best New Group. He was named "Best Canadian Male Blues Vocalist" in 1997 by Real Blues Magazine, and nominated as "Best Blues Drummer" in 1997; Johnson was also nominated for Best Male Blues Vocalist in 1998 by the Toronto Blues Society.

Steve James is not only an entertaining roots music performer adept at slide guitar, mandolin, and six-string banjo, he's also a widely respected music educator. James has played with Furry Lewis and Sam McGee, and released a number of instructional videos on mandolin and guitar techniques.

Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band: *Ain't No Party Like a Chubby Party* is not just the name of the last album by these zydeco masters, it's also a school of philosophy.

James Cotton: Blues harmonica master. Learned at the feet of the legendary Sonny Boy Williamson. Recorded with Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters. There is simply no excuse for missing this man's performance.

Gary Primich Band: some Texas shuffle, jazz, and funk pop out of this Austin based harmonica players eclectic blues stew. Check out his last album, *Botheration*.

Sugar Ray and the Bluetones: this is the second incarnation of singer/harmonica ace Sugar Ray Norcia's popular act, brought together after Norcia fronted Roomful of Blues from 1991-1997 and recorded a few solo albums in the late '90s. Their latest is Sugar Ray and the Bluetones featuring Monster Mike Welch.

L'il Ed & The Blues Imperials: this tiny Chicago native has amazing showmans instincts and plays a helluva guitar to boot. The band's fourth Alligator release, *Heads Up*, is a raucous slab of pure blues energy.

Kenny "Blues Boss" Wayne: a little Fats Domino, some Professor Longhair, and a dab o' Jay McShann keeps the New Orleans spirit alive. *Blues Power (Blues Carry Me Home)*, recorded live in Paris in 2002, shows the Vancouver resident at the height of his considerable keyboard powers.

Angela Strehli came from the same Austin, Texas scene as the Fabulous Thunderbirds and Stevie Ray Vaughn. Time spent listening to and performing with blues legends like Muddy Waters, Big Walter Horton, Otis Rush, Albert Collins, Buddy Guy, and Albert King at Antone's in Austin convinced Strehli that she wanted to dedicate her life to performing blues music. *Shout, Sister, Shout*, released in 2003, is this singer-songwriter's latest release.

Roomful of Blues formed in 1968; these rhythm and blues survivalists have persevered through thick and thin They've won four Grammy Awards, gave us the incomparable Duke Robillard, and even backed up John Belushi AND Count Basie. Whaddaya say to *that*, Jack?

Jimmie Vaughan. Founder of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, older brother of Stevie Ray, Jimmy Vaughn is not only secure in his standing as one of the most gifted guitarists of his generation but he's also a first rate songwriter and fashion plate as well. His last album was 2001's *Do You Get The Blues?*

Sista Monica Parker: Known as the Lioness in certain circles, the Sista rips through rhythm and blues, gospel, soul and funk like she's recasting whole genres of popular music. It would be terribly clichéd to utter Aretha Franklin or Etta James' names at this point, but there you go. Newest album: *Live In Europe*.

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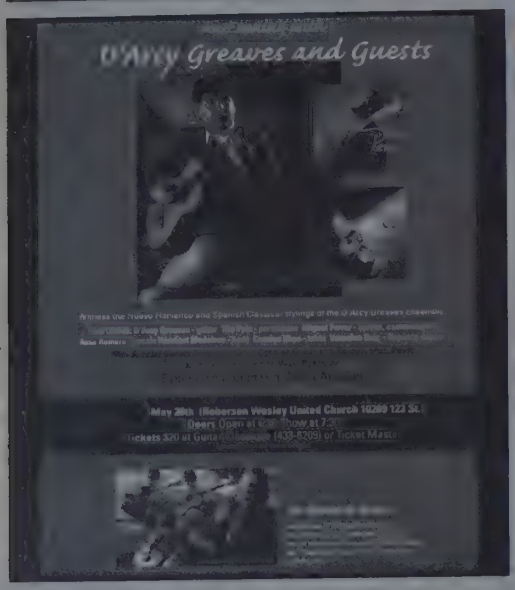


BAND OF BROTHERS
Silas plus actual siblings Rob and Ted.

Meat is meat

James T. Kirks survive a decade by following their muse

JAMES T. KIRKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW
With the Von Zippers and the Blame-its
Sat, May 22
Sidetrack Café (10333-112 St.)

THE STORY SHOULD BE A FAMiliar one to anyone who grew up in a strait-laced small community, where boredom so often collides with teen hormones, causing a spontaneous release of energy and aberrant behaviour. But when teenaged brothers Rob and Ted Wright, along with their drummer pal Silas Grenis, first gathered in the basement of an acreage outside Stony Plain and proclaimed themselves the James T. Kirks over a decade ago, no one could have foreseen that the resulting release of energy and aberrant behaviour would have such far-reaching effects. Well, there were *some* presentiments of the rock 'n' roll destiny that beckoned.

"We come from a totally musical family," says Ted. "All my aunts and uncles were quite gifted musically."

"What went wrong?" ponders Rob.

"We were always around music, then we wound up getting instruments somehow," Ted sort of recalls. "One guy loaned me a guitar, and another guy showed me power chords. We just fuckin' tortured our parents."

"I think that, as much as they weren't totally nuts about the style of music we were playing, they at least understood that we were playing music," Rob says.

The drummer's parents were less understanding of his youthful exigencies and grounded him on the eve of the band's inaugural gig, but Fate is more powerful than corporal punishment and, abetted by a last-minute fill-in behind the kit, the James T. Kirks tasted the visceral thrill of live performance. In short, they liked it.

Fueled by a growing love of surf rock and instrumental music, particularly of the sort emanating from Calgary bands like Huevos Rancheros, the Kirks set about fashioning their own prairie surf rock, honed over countless hall and bar shows and on a national tour with Radio City Riot Squad. At the peak of their powers, Fate saw fit to hobble them through cruel circumstance.

"We came back from tour and found an eviction notice in the mailbox that [none of our room mates] had bothered to open," Rob says. "There were nine of us living in this house, and we all six days to find a new place to live. So that sort of fractured the James T. Kirks, because [drummer] Eddie [Craven] had to move back to BC. We were so bummed because it felt so perfect playing with Eddie that we didn't do much for the longest time. We started Les Tabernacles a few months down the road and the James T. Kirks fell by the wayside."

Unbeknownst even to the Wrights, who were blazing an ear-splitting, empties-strewn trail with Les Tabs, the James T. Kirks weren't dead, but dormant. Another twist of Fate catalyzed the band's phoenix-like return to the stage. Rob was booking the final show at the old New City Likwid Lounge and wanted the Brewtals to reform for the show. Bobby Brewtal said he'd get his old band back together, but only if the Kirks reformed as well.

"We called his bluff," Rob says. "He didn't think we were going to do it. So we recruited Silas, because we had always stayed in touch with him."

"That led to the Rev [farewell] show," says Ted. "Then after that it was like, 'man, these songs are pretty cool,' and it felt great, man, and Si [who now minds the skins for Black Market Inc.] has only improved as a drummer over the years."

"Silas is like a brother to us, too—we're all family, so that added to the allure of putting the band back together."

Lest anyone think the James T. Kirks are merely trying to relive past glories, the band has proceeded to break new ground since reigniting, adding new tunes to the set list and stretching themselves creatively by contributing the live soundtrack to a smash-hit Fringe play, with which they subsequently toured. Now, as they gear up for a 10th anniversary celebration at the Sidetrack with the Von Zippers and the Blame-its, the James T. Kirks are poised on the brink of what they expect to be a long and fruitful collaboration.

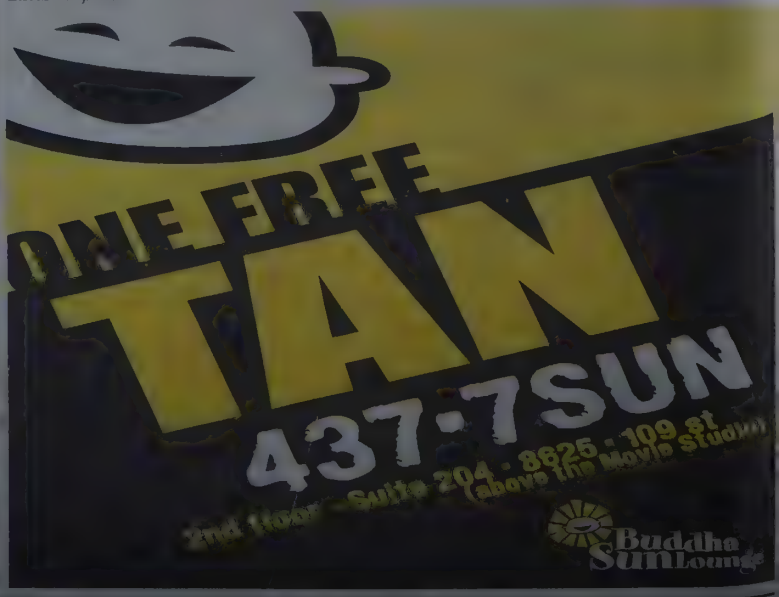
"I'm pretty confident we will have a 20th anniversary show," Rob says "We should have a couple of albums out by then."

The key to this projected longevity? Remaining true to one's muse.

"We're musical meatballs, you know," Rob says. "We like what we like and that's what we like."

"And fuck everybody else," adds Ted.

SCOTT LINGLEY



Jump around

Terry Hanck gets up and gets down in E-town for a second round

TERRY HANCK
Nightly, Until Sat, May 22
Blues on Whyte (10329-82 Ave)

WHEN SAXOPHONIST, VOCAList, and songwriter Terry Hanck first played Edmonton two summers ago at Edmonton's Blues Festival, he was unknown to most local fans. He became one of the most talked about performers that year, mostly in the "who is that guy; where does he come from, and why haven't I heard of him before" vein of conversation that inevitably follows the debut of a talented performer.

Fact is: Hanck has been on the scene for over three decades. After leaving his hometown of Chicago for California in the mid-70s, Hanck began perfecting the style of playing that had influenced him for as long as he could remember.

"I grew up in the late '50s and early '60s," he reminisces. "I just love the R&B, jump blues, and soul that was all over the radio in those days." In 1977, Hanck joined the Elvin Bishop Band and spent the next ten years learning valuable lessons of the road. He performed on stages large and small all over the world and had the chance to hone his craft in a band that let the good times roll night after night. After adding a little New Orleans gumbo, Kansas City jump, and East Bay funk to his repertoire, Hanck set out on a solo career.

Recently, he relocated from California. "I came to the point in my life where I decided that I wanted to own a home", says Hanck from the road somewhere near Cranbrook, "And I couldn't do that in California, so I moved to Florida a little over a year ago. It's been interesting keeping the band together—with the other guys living in California—but I've been able to do that. We've worked back and forth from California to Florida three times now, and this summer I've got the 'fair circuit,' which I've been working for a lot of years now. We're on the go from June 25th to Labour Day, playing state and county fairs all over the country."

TERRY HANCK
Who is that guy?

The band Hanck brings to the Blues on Whyte this week is the same one that set the blues festival audience on its' collective ear in 2002: "Chris Kid Anderson is still playing guitar with me, Michael 'Fly' Brooks is on bass, and Butch Cousins is playing drums." Anderson, in particular, made a huge impression on blues fans. The young kid from Scandinavia tore it up, easily holding his own against any player that festival weekend. "Kid is great", says Hanck, "And he just put out his own CD titled *Rock a While*. We've also just finished a band album that is about half covers and half originals, including some obscure R&B and jump Blues. Let's face it: no one wants to hear another version of 'Mustang Sally.' And when we hit the stage it's not just the usual blues show. We cover a lot of ground from old jump to soul with a different twist—featuring sax and vocals. We've got a ton of energy to bring on the good stuff."

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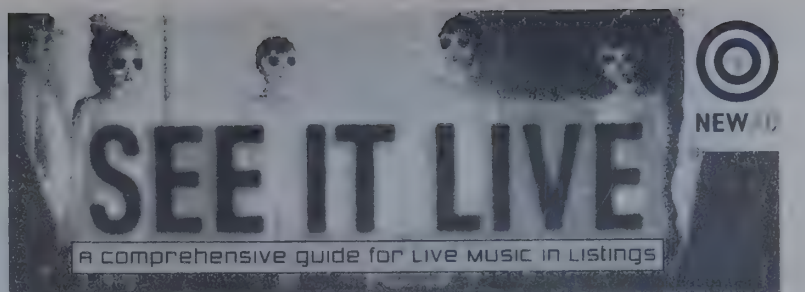
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THE DISTILLERS
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THE LEAD SINGER OF THE DISTillers, Brody Dalle – the most high profile member of the band – has declined to do interviews. I'm told that I will be interviewing the band's drummer; the only other piece of information I'm given is that he used to be a semi-professional wrestler.

I begin to form an idea of what this guy might be like: big and boisterous, yet humble (I embellish) in his confidence to totally demolish a fellow human being at will.

But Andy Granelli, the member with the biggest chops, is far from boisterous, not very gigantic, and in fact, has never wrestled (professionally) a day in his life.

"That's so funny," he laughs when I ask him about his said previous career. "Everyone buys it – everyone thinks I *was* a wrestler. It's all bullshit. We wrote the bio as fucking bullshit."

Bullshitting the public is a bit of a habit for the band. On their website

Reeling 'em in

The Distillers connect with the kids for a few more gigs before taking some needed r & r

they chastise: "don't steal off the internet you little assholes," a seemingly conservative statement coming from a punk rock band, the likes of which are typically supposed to be anti-corporate and unimpressed with record companies whose only goal is to make money.

"Well, that [comment] is just sarcasm—I don't care," reassures Granelli. In fact, he's more on the side of the poor, jaded, music-loving public than most mainstream musicians. "I mean, fuck, records are expensive. If there's a record I kinda want but it's fourteen bucks and I might only like half of it, I have no problem stealing it, too. Or burning it off my buddy."

His attitude perhaps explains in part the reason for The Distiller's sweeping, crossover success: they are in touch with reality, or at least the reality experienced by their young audience. They connect with them on a level similar to the likes of Rancid—whose one Tim Armstrong was briefly romantically involved with Dalle—or even Nirvana (arguably The Distiller's true progenitors): both bands whose magical combination of members came out to more than the sum of their parts, elevating them above their peers.

The Distillers aren't exactly doing anything new, but what they do they do correctly. And though the members claim their hatred of each other (more bullshit?) as part of the reason for their success, they also credit their abilities. In Granelli's case, playing the drums well lead to the joining of the Distillers, which lead to considerable improvement in job excitement.

Before joining the band, he was working at a snowboard clothing shop and playing in a band by the name of Nerve Agent. It's been three or four years since he joined The Distillers, and the last year of his life has been spent on tour, causing him to lose his girlfriend and a great deal of sleep, and his sense of time in the process. "What month is this? It's May?" he unknowingly asks. "Since last summer, we haven't stopped. I've had a week off here and there or two weeks here and there. After this tour we have two months off, and I'm really looking forward to that."

Just how does The Distiller's drummer unwind?

"I'm going to stay in San Francisco and relax—fishing. I'm gonna go fishing, and I'm gonna go camping. It's gonna be summertime, and I'm gonna go see my friends and just relax."

TASH FRYZUK

Scream for me

The End justify their means

THE END
With Ion Dissonance
Thu, May 20
Stars (10545 Whyte Ave.)

METAL HEADS AREN'T BAD PEOple—they're just misunderstood. At least that's what the death-metal infused, hardcore lovers in Toronto's The End believe.

"What an adult thinks of metal is usually a total misconception of what it actually is," asserts lead vocal-shredder Aaron Wolff. "Some bands have very graphic lyrics, but that happens in any category of music. People just want to rip everything apart, whether it's pop, punk or metal. If they can take offense to it, they will take offense to it."

While all the band's albums have proudly sported an explicit content parental warning sticker, Wolff says his group's version of "intense, brutal, heavy music" really isn't hurting anyone. "Back in the day Ozzy was thought to have the most vile lyrics that have ever existed, but today it's totally different and people are more open," he notes. "No body really looks at our album and thinks the

content is too much."

The devilish days in the '80s when volatile vocals and light-speed guitar licks dominated the airwaves may have disappeared in favour of more family-oriented pop for a while, but it's beginning to resurge. "I think heavy music is heading in the right direction," Wolff observes. "There's bands like Alexisonfire who scream all of their lyrics, but they are still on TV and being mass marketed, which is a huge step for bands like us. ... There's always been solid category of people who are into metal, and it's an entire little sub culture that loves this kind of music."

HEATHER ADLER

Latitude 53 presents

VISUALEYEZ 2004

fifth annual festival of
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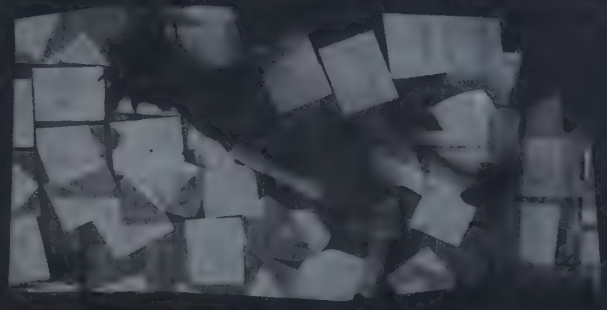

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featuring:
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Welcome to all those taking part in Visualeyez 2004.
J'aimerais souhaiter la bienvenue à tous ceux et celles qui prennent part au Festival Visualeyez de 2004.

For the fifth year in a row, this festival brings artistic expression "up close and personal." By taking art to public spaces, innovative artists confront bystanders with art. In so doing, they challenge their audiences' perceptions and provide them with an evocative and personal artistic experience.
Depuis cinq ans, ce festival donne à la population un accès privilégié aux arts. En transformant les espaces publics en salles d'exposition, des artistes novateurs mettent les passants en présence de l'art. Ils remettent en question leur vision de l'art tout en leur permettant de vivre une expérience artistique à la fois intime et stimulante.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I am pleased to support Latitude 53 in its efforts to introduce art to more and more people in the Edmonton area. Many thanks to the organizers and the talented artists from across Canada and beyond.
À titre de ministre du Patrimoine canadien, je suis fière d'appuyer Latitude 53 dans ses efforts en vue de promouvoir l'art auprès des résidants et résidantes de la région d'Edmonton. Merci aux organisateurs et aux artistes de talent des quatre coins du Canada et du monde.

Enjoy the experience!
Bon festival!

Hélène Chalifour Scherrer

On behalf of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, I extend greetings to all interdisciplinary and performance artists taking part in the 5th annual Visualeyez festival in Edmonton.

This unique festival provides an opportunity to create a space where dialogue and discovery can happen for both artists and their audience. Innovation and exploration are celebrated as an integral component of Visualeyez.

Congratulations to Latitude 53 Society of Artists and all those involved in this event and a warm welcome to its many visitors and participants. Latitude 53 Society of Artists has been Edmonton's premiere artist-run centre for more than 25 years and continues to inform Edmonton and Alberta arts enthusiasts about contemporary art making today.

Enjoy the Festival!

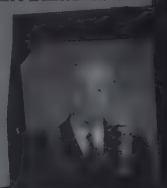
Audrey E. Luft
Chair, Alberta Foundation for the Arts

On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Edmonton, I extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Latitude 53 - Society of Artists' 5th annual "Visualeyez" festival.

Since 1973, Latitude 53 has served Edmonton's arts community as a home for the development and exhibition of groundbreaking, innovative artwork. This arts collective is on the forefront of the experimental art movement. The Visualeyez festival is yet another example of Latitude 53's outstanding contribution to the city's cultural setting.

I extend best wishes for success to the International and Canadian artists participating in this event. Thank you to the organizers, sponsors and volunteers for pulling together this impressive festival. Your efforts greatly enhance Edmonton's thriving arts community.

Yours Truly,
Bill Smith, Mayor



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It is heartening to communicate to you the incredible strides that this festival has made since its inception in the late 1990s. When I approached the Board of Directors of Latitude 53 about a festival that would focus upon performance art they were supportive and encouraging. Back then performance had not reached the levels of awareness and acceptance in Canadian society that it now holds. I believe that Visualeyez and other festivals have helped to create venue and incubators for interdisciplinary work. I would also like to thank the many sponsors and funders that have been with us since the early stages. Your support and investments have advanced the artistic expressions and the audience experiences - thank you.

I would like to thank the Staff, Board and Volunteers of Latitude 53, especially Laura Kozak, Festival Assistant, for her clear vision and powers of great weeness for helping to make Visualeyez 2004 happen.

Todd Janes
Artistic Producer, Visualeyez
Executive Director, Latitude 53 Contemporary Visual Culture

ARTISTS

Keiko Kamma:

Once upon a time in your life
Watching a sandglass, please keep saying
"Aaaah...." for just one minute.
What is your first memory?
What did you do 3 hours before?

Posing evocative and simple questions to audience members, Japanese performance artist Keiko Kamma creates a dialogue on notions of time and memory. Kamma's juxtaposition of video playback projection, music and live performance creates a simultaneous experience of two times at once and a playful exploration into our relationship to the past and the present.

Born in Japan, Keiko Kamma studied comparative culture study at Seikei University in Tokyo. From a background in painting, Kamma moved toward a more contemporary practice in 1989 with the photo-installation "Ready-Made Phenomena". Since 1990s, she has been presenting both visual art works (mainly installation) and performative art works, and has been invited by international art festivals such as Mixed Media Art Communications Festival in Tokyo (1999-2004), InterAzioni Festival 2000 (Cagliari, Italy / 2000), Via Festival #5 (Bourgogne, Paris/1999), Derapage Controle 2001 (Montreal/ 2001).

Image: Provided by the artist

Thursday, May 20	8pm	Latitude 53 Main Space
Friday, May 28	8pm	Latitude 53 Main Space

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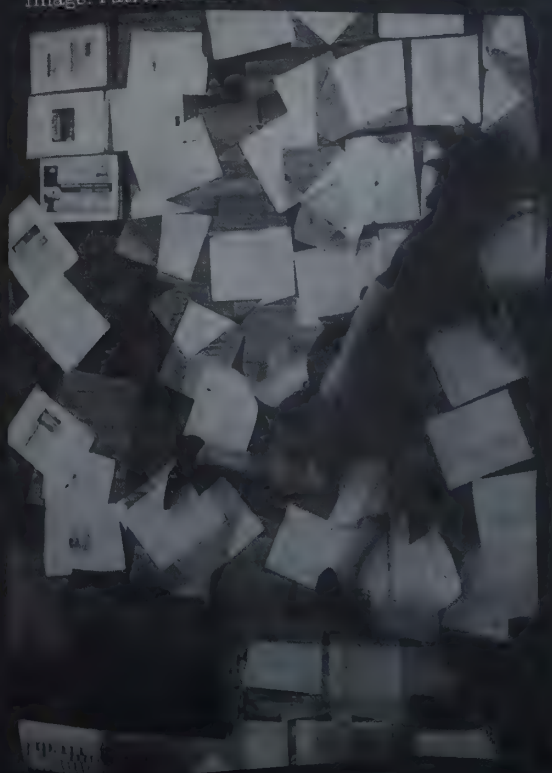

Manon de Pauw:

Paperwork
Paperwork is a video installation that focuses on time-consuming administrative work as an important part of our lives. It explores the encounter between work and daydream, material and immaterial, movement and inertia, order and chaos. The sequence, shot from above and projected on the floor, shows the artist lying down on the hardwood floor of an office covered with letter size papers. In a rustling sound, she sweeps the pages along with slow and regular movements, dispersing them and placing them back in order. Real sheets of papers scattered on the floor create effects of contrast and depth in the life size projected image. Combined with the amplified sweeping sounds, they give a material presence, an instantaneous quality to this past (in)action. Depending on where the viewer's glance falls, the body appears either to float above or swim under all this paperwork. This piece deals with repetition both in literal and metaphorical way. On one hand, through the use of the loop structure, a solitary one-time choreography becomes endlessly repetitive. On another hand, it investigates the recurrence of actions in a working context, staging inefficiency in a place where one is usually pressured to be active and productive.

Ongoing daily 12-6pm	Meet Manon de Pauw Thursday May 27 8:30pm	Latitude 53

Darren O'Donnell:

The Talking Creature
The **Talking Creature** is a participatory event examining time spent conversing with strangers in public. The seam between public and private space and productive and leisurely time is experienced in detail by the participants. At each of the following performances, participants meet at Gazebo Park in Old Strathcona, gathering and then dispersing through the neighborhood to approach strangers and invite them back to the park to engage in an unstructured, unagendaed conversation. The discussion winds down of its own accord as people drift away.

The **Talking Creature** mitigates the social atomization and isolation that are so prevalent in our culture, so as to slow it down and subject it to a closer examination.

Monday, May 24	1pm	Gazebo Park 104 St. and 83 Ave
Tuesday, May 25	7pm	
Wednesday, May 26	7pm	
Saturday, May 29	1pm	

Image: Patrick Borjal

Your Secrets Sleep With Me
Performance artist Darren O'Donnell reads from his newly published first novel.

Toronto's CN Tower has fallen into the lake. The city is crowded with refugees from the US. Michael and Ruth Racco's dad, in a rash of road rage, perpetrated the Backhoe Massacre. After dodging a torrent of rubber bullets, eight-year-old Rani Vishnu has started going gray. And in the middle of it all, Jimmy Hardcastle has walked on water in the fountain of a suburban mall.

Your Secrets Sleep With Me is a frenetic, ruthlessly hilarious critique of power and politics. Brilliant, absurd, incisive and fun, this caffeinated novel will take you on a doomed search for the place where you end and everything else begins. But shhh-you will not be alone.

Thursday, May 27	7:30pm	Greenwood's Book Shoppe 12433 - 102 avenue

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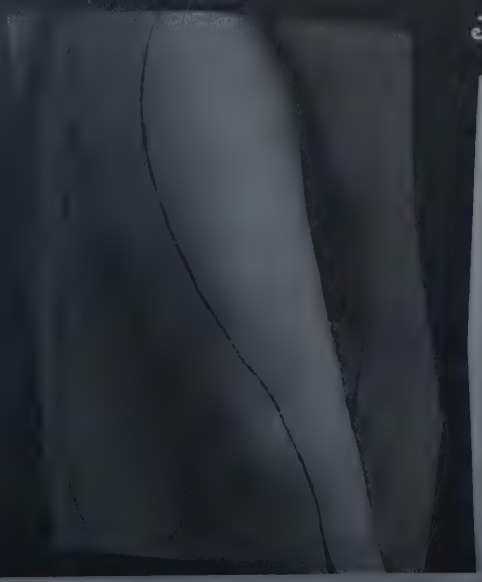


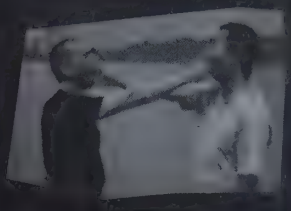
Julianna Barabas:

Seamline
Seamline: the live application of a tattooed line marking the seam of performance artist Julianna Barabas' body has taken place in 12 segments and several cities. At Visualeyez 2004, she will add the finishing touchups.

WARNING: Tattooing will be live.

Seamline is an excavation: it is the process of making visible that which already existed. It is a splitting, an opening up, a marking of time and of body. This opening of the metaphoric body exposes the most vulnerable and strongest parts of who we are. It is a beginning. It is a lifelong experiment into the marginalization created by such a marker, and both the inclusion and exclusion that are the result.

Saturday, May 22	4pm-10pm	Latitude 53 Main Space



Eric Letourneau:

Standard II
Standard II is a life/art performance series project that began on September 29th, 2001. The series of 198 performances in various cities with various people has continued for the last 3 years. Standard II is the recycling of a three minute silence, time set aside for memory and recognition. It is a response to a response.

Quebec artist Eric Letourneau collaborates with individual audience members to create each specific performance in the series separately. The collaborator chooses the location and time of the meeting, and after discussion, chooses if and how to participate in the project.

If you would like to collaborate in **Standard II**, please contact Eric Letourneau at 902-7451 or by email: systememinuit@yahoo.com

Thursday, May 20 - (Ongoing) Various Locations
Saturday, May 29 Various Locations

Christine Stoddard:

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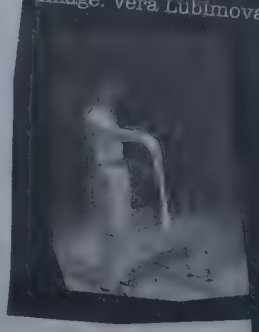


The Hospital of Her Becoming
The hushed sounds of waiting echo off the transparent walls of a cocoon-like room. The plastic wrap walls create a humid and suffocating space; intimate, yet clinical. You can see through to the inside where a woman waits for you to enter. She wants to repeat a story of love shared and slowly lost, the story of her torturous descent into literal and figurative dis-ease. Her biography is written in flesh language, in textual fragments written in grease pencils on the walls, in the simple rhythmic tick-tick of time repeated, in her voice whispering breath onto the glass on which she sits, in quotidian gestures eating, drinking, sharing space, in the simple rituals of hand-washing, bandaging small wounds, and the cyclical text of her indecision. She does not perform, but rather rests in a liminal state where gestures and text are repeated, without beginning or end, time marked only by the necessities of bodily functioning.

Monday, May 24 2pm Latitude 53 ProJex Room
Tuesday, May 25 8pm Latitude 53 ProJex Room

LR Vineberg:

Image: Roline Leporte

I Will Not Remember the Details But I Will Know
This project is concerned with memory and dreams, and the documentation of time spent remembering or imagining. Time spent in the past or in the future leaves open a suspended present moment, difficult to define or account for. Does it pass slowly or quickly- and who knows how much time has passed- how long one has spent in this limbo, avoiding the possibility for anything else?

An empty upholstered chair sits in the center-back of the room. Visitors may come to sit in it. They may listen to a short story called, "Static", or they may simply sit in the chair and hide out, summoning up their own memories, or both.

Meanwhile the artist, who will have spent her day collecting other peoples' stories of avoiding time, will attempt to remember these stories and will write them on the walls.

Not quite Bachelardian, there still remains something of a phenomenological possibility through the chair. The stories too, may pull the visitor into his/her own memory spell or wishing well. In any case the room will be both a testament to and a holding cell for time taken hostage in the fantastical pursuit of former or future happiness.

Sunday, May 23 8pm Latitude 53 ProJex Room
Wednesday, May 26 8pm Latitude 53 ProJex Room

Margaret Dragu:

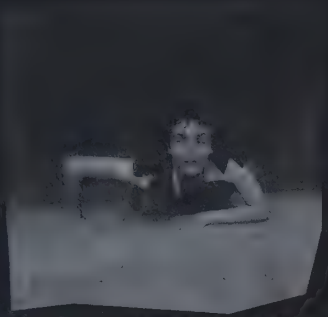


Image: Guy Allen

Rising
Making Community = Making Bread = Making Art

Join BC artist Margaret Dragu for an afternoon of bread making, tea, wine and conversation.

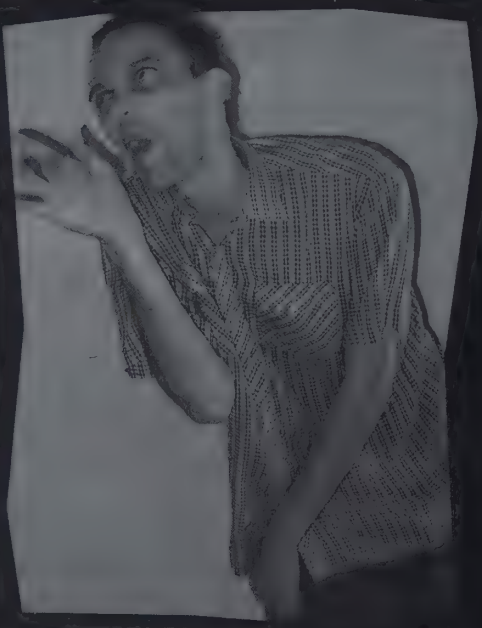
Saturday, May 29 12pm-8pm Latitude 53 ProJex Room

Rasmus Jørgensen:

clocks, mothers and been here before's
There's a man tracing shallow lines in the ground with a tea spoon, digging a hole of sorts or perhaps marking time with punctual etchings like minute markings on a clock. With uninterrupted precision, the gentle gestures and sounds of this man create a soothing repetition, speaking of the present minute and the one just past.

Danish artist Rasmus Jørgensen works primarily with the voice and the body, dealing with issues that are inherent in the habitual mechanisms of human expression.

Saturday, May 22 11-12pm 2-3pm Gazebo Park
Sunday, May 23 12-1pm 3-4pm 104St. & 83 Ave.



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The Mandala Collective:

The Mythological Narrative of Inuit Goddess Sedna
The artisans have surpassed the institutions that have created them. We look to the future and the impressionable youth that can be so easily controlled by the ideals of the generations and institutions before us. Sex, drugs, rock and roll, trust in science, trust in the news; it is all easy truth. We are a generation here to uncover and reveal secrets, knowing that the truth is much deeper than the five o'clock news and must be sought on an individual level extending to a cultural level. Portraying and exemplifying a mythological narrative through dance, music and performance; we are the movement of the truth seekers.
We are the **Mandala Collective.**

Monday, May 24 8pm Latitude 53 Main Space
Tuesday, May 25 8pm Latitude 53 Main Space

Opening

GALA

$5 KEIKO KAMMA & TWIN FANGS

Thursday, May 20
Opening Night Bash
8pm-midnight
Latitude 53 Main Space
Food. Drink. Tunes

VISUALEYEZ 2004

performance schedule

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Closing

RECEPTION

DJ BRIANNA

Saturday, May 29
Closing Night Reception
8pm
Latitude 53 Main Space

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	4-10pm	Seamline Julianna Barabas	Latitude 53 Main Space
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Tuesday, May 25	7pm	The Talking Creature Darren O'Donnell	Gazebo Park 104 St. and 83 Ave.
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	8:30pm	The Mythological Narrative The Mandala Collective	Latitude 53 Main Space
Wednesday, May 26	7pm	The Talking Creature Darren O'Donnell	Gazebo Park 104 St. and 83 Ave.
	8pm	I Will Not Remember the Details But I Will Know - LR Vineberg	Latitude 53 ProjEx Room
	8:30pm	Durational Practices in Performance (Panel discussion)	Latitude 53 Main Space
Thursday, May 27	7pm	International Approaches to Performance	Latitude 53Main Space
	7:30	Your Secrets Sleep With Me (book launch) Darren O'Donnell	Greenwoods Book Shoppe 12433-102 avenue
	8:30pm	Paperwork Meet Manon de Pauw	Latitude 53 Side Room
Friday, May 28	8pm	Once Upon a Time In Your Life Keiko Kamma	Latitude 53 Main Space
Saturday, May 29	1pm	The Talking Creature Darren O'Donnell	Gazebo Park 104St. and 83 Ave
	12-8pm	Rising Margaret Dragu	Latitude 53 ProjExRoom
Ongoing through the festival:	daily 12-6	Paper work (Manon de Pauw) Standard II (Eric Letourneau)	Latitude 53 Main Space Phone 902 7451 to participate

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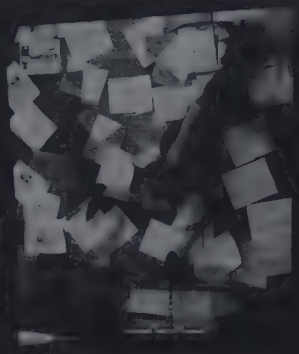

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Founded and curated by Todd Janes, Visualeyez was developed by Latitude 53 to create opportunities for artists and audiences to experiment and interact with an array of performance artists of various approach to interdisciplinary and time-based art. In its fifth year running, it is the only annual festival of its kind in western Canada.

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Founded in 1973 by a collective of Edmonton artists, Latitude 53 is a not-for-profit artist run center and registered charitable organization.

The mandate of Latitude 53 is to encourage contemporary artistic practice and to foster the development and exhibition of experimental art forms. Latitude 53 provides a forum for dialogue about contemporary artistic practice through exhibitions, performances, readings, seminars, workshops and interpretive programming.

Latitude 53 provides a non-coercive environment to ensure the freedom of the artist and give public access to new forms of expression. Latitude 53 supports the research and development of new and emerging artistic practice and concepts and encourages experimentation by artists through diverse programming.

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Big Wreck recovery

Thornley get their wind back; A festival for the future of music

THORNLEY

CHANGE IS NEVER EASY. IN THE cutthroat world of the music industry, where audiences have the attention span of goldfish and desperate few are willing to give musicians a second chance, reinvention can spell out swift demise for even established artists. But, like that cheesy proverbial moth cocooning its way into the most beautiful of butterflies, Ian Thornley (formerly of Big Wreck) seems to be one songster able to make a successful metamorphosis—even though it means his new boss is his former underling.

"Towards the end of Big Wreck, we were all in a very negative head space and that stuff is very contagious; before you know it, negativity dragged the whole thing down," Thornley explains of the demise of his former band. "It kind of felt like the wind was taken out of our sails repeatedly, and before I knew it we started to believe what everyone was saying about us. There was just a long time when we put so much into the band and there wasn't enough return.... At the end of the day, it just didn't happen—so we were all incredibly hurt and disappointed by that."

After the demise of Big Wreck, Thornley says he was eager to shift gears and begin creating music again. Unfortunately, the industry is generally anything but responsive to

artists looking for another chance; fortunately, Thornley had some old friends in high places to help him out. "I ended up getting signed to Chad Kroeger's label because Nickelback had opened up for Big Wreck years ago, and we'd been buddies ever since," Thornley notes. "He's been a great fan and champion of mine ever since then; so when he heard that I was out of the deal with Atlantic, his was the first call that I got."

Collectively, the two wove together some ideas, which, for the record, are decidedly un-Kroeger like, and now, just a couple of weeks after his album release, Thornley is already gaining huge momentum. He recently graced the stage on Leno, an experience Thornley describes as "surreal and very strange," and he is getting ready to embark on an ambitious North American tour.

The transition from band member to celebrated solo artist wasn't as bumpy as Thornley expected, and he says the only real challenge so far was to name his new act. "We had a couple of alternative names before we decided to just go with my name, but none of them really stuck," Thornley laughs. "One was Manhorse. Kenny [Tizzard], our bassist, who used to play for the Watchmen, is a big porn freak and he saw some guy named Manhorse in a movie. I thought it had kind of a Neil Young, Crazy Horse vibe to it, but I didn't know about using the name Manhorse—I didn't want to be referencing some kind of disproportioned guy in our name."

Free of innuendo about freakishly large endowment, Thornley looks poised to make a smooth metamorphosis back into the limelight

Thursday, May20—Starlite Room

FUTURES FEST

EDMONTON MAY NOT HAVE A Mickey Mouse club to groom and gloss the next Britneys and Justins of the world, but at least one local group is looking to get the big voices of some little people heard. After narrowing the field from 360 entrants to a handful of talented performers—all of whom are under the age of 25—Visionary Talent and the St. Albert Music Society come together this week for the grand finale of their tenth annual Futures Fest battle of the bands

Judges, drawn from the local music community, will pick the top band, which will receive a $3,000 recording package, and select one lucky soloist for a $1,500 studio prize. Although only a few will walk away with the blue-ribbon loot, organizer Collin Perillo says everyone will be a winner after the curtain falls. "Basically, our entire premise for doing this is to forward the careers of young performers in

THORNLEY
Championed by Chad

Alberta," he explains enthusiastically "A lot of these kids are between 12 and 18. for the majority of the variety acts, and the bands are all between 17 and 25. If you think about the ages of those people, this is a really good opportunity to get experience actually performing in front of large groups of people—there should be 1,000 people at this event."

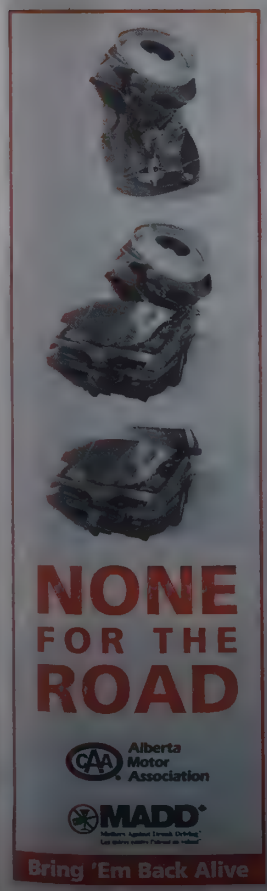
Along with on-stage experience at the Winspear—one of Edmonton's top-sounding theatres—the youngsters will also be introduced to scouts on the lookout for new talent and they will get some much-needed exposure.

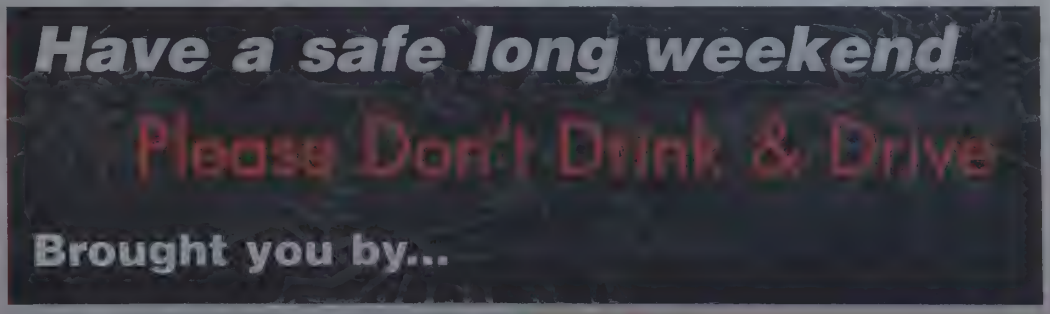
The event also promises to be enjoyable for gig-goers, and Perillo assures you need not fear this showcase will end up sounding like your bratty little sister's piano recital. "Every time I see these kids it's amazing; I'll be watching someone and just wonder, 'how does that sound come out of that little body?' or I'll see some of these bands and think, 'How are these bands not on MTV'," he muses with a laugh. "They are just such talented performers, and to me that says this is the new generation—we're seeing it before anyone else sees it."

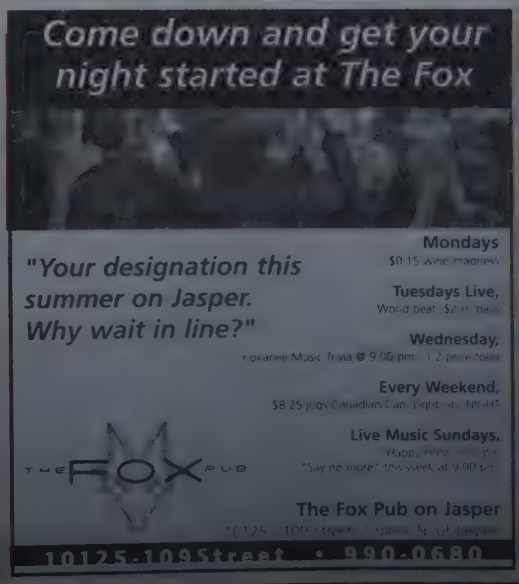
So, if you feel like getting shown up by a bunch of tikes, many of whom aren't even old enough to drive yet, check out this year's Futures Fest.

Who knows: maybe Edmonton will finally find its own little Avril or Christina.

Sunday, May 23—The Winspear







PULLEY
Matters
(Epitaph)
★★★1/2

CONSIDERING BOTH THE PRICE OF GAS and the crappy weather, you're gonna have to get the most out of those warm weather cruisin' days. Pulley's fifth album, *Matters*, is a good place to start. It's this summer's easy-breezy punk disc to crank on the drive home and the band's catchiest release since their debut. *Esteem Driven Engine*. Lyrically it doesn't stray far from standard punk sentiment—"you sold your soul to the man," "another casualty from a fucked up society," "going down this road again," and the all-encompassing "falling down." This doesn't matter, though, because the riffs are fast, tight, and as punchy as Scott Radinsky's vocals. When you're sitting at a red light in your sticker-covered '86 Taurus, sucking back a slush bought with last of your change, and the baby boomers in the SUV beside you shoot you a dirty look before rolling up their windows, you'll know that's what matters.

DAVE ALEXANDER

BEN KWELLER
On My Way
(RCA/BMG)
★★★1/2

OH, THE IRONY! ISN'T IT ALWAYS the way? Only moments after you adopt a strict policy of not trusting anyone under 25, Ben Kweller's new album shows up, practically begging to be made an example of. Whether it's the dorky cover shot of His Precocious Dweebness, who wasn't even born yet when Mission of Burma broke up, and his dogs, or the bloodless guitar line and plaintive dumb-assness of the opening track, no one knows for sure, but it seems like the kid is just asking for it.

But then, something happens. *On My Way* starts getting good, or at least better. The songs get catchy, for the most part, and though Kweller liberally scatters cornball lyrical moments and obvious copycatting of musical styles throughout, they're mainly overcome via the exuberance of youth. And then there's the joke! On the back cover photo, Kweller is gone but the dogs remain, with one licking its chops. Everybody knows it: edibility trumps trustworthiness, every day.

CRAIG ELLIOTT

HOUND DOG TAYLOR
Release the Hound
(Alligator)
★★★1/2

HOUND DOG TAYLOR SOUNDS LIKE the Chicago counterpart of late-blooming Mississippi bluesmen like R.L. Burnside and T-Model Ford; the prime difference is that Taylor was 25 years dead when Fat Possum launched his Delta counterparts to prominence. With his perennial sidemen, rhythm guitarist Brewer Phillips and metronomically challenged drummer Ted Harvey, Taylor espoused a raw electric blues/rock hybrid he called "houserockin' music" that features his stinging slide playing and heartfelt yelp. *Release the Hound* features recordings from live performances, radio appearances, and a few studio remnants that didn't make it onto the four albums Alligator released in Taylor's lifetime. The unschooled, intuitive interplay of Taylor and his band, honed at the house parties and dank beer joints of Chicago's black working-class neighbourhoods, provides most of the kicks, especially when the songs turn into hurtling, heedless extended jams. Oddball instrumentals such as "Phillips Screwdriver" and "Sen-Sa-Shun" intermingle with signature tunes like "She's Gone" and "It Hurts Me Too"—all served up with plenty of booze-stoked pep. Not only is *Release the Hound* a great introduction to houserockin' music, it single-handedly atones for the damage Eric Clapton (to name but one) continues to inflict on the blues genre.

SCOTT LINGLEY

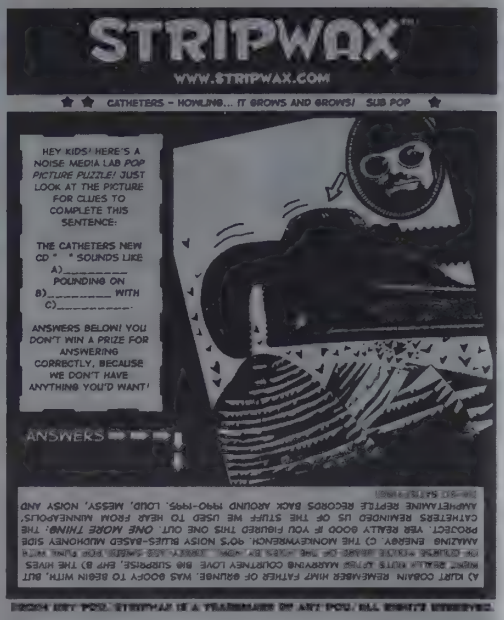
SOULFLY
Prophecy
(Roadrunner)
★★★

MAX CAVALERA CONTINUES HIS perplexing quest to incorporate every musical form known to humanity, not to mention each religious icon, into the growly metal he's been perpetrating since his days as the front man for Brazil's Sepultura. *Porrada* is a typical track, in which feather-fingered samba rhythms and strumming give way to a pummeling hardcore beat, chugging power chords, and a guttural grunt that contains a few choice Portuguese obscenities. Touches of reggae, hippy-dippy percussion, and even a brass band crop up elsewhere, as does a thoroughly superfluous cover of Helmet's "In the Meantime." The whole disk has a glossy perfusion of apocalyptic imagery and pantheism that hints at, but does little to illuminate, Cavalera's spiritual leanings. A tip of the dreadlocks to the band for their sonic expansiveness and deeply held beliefs, but probably God, alone, knows what they're getting at.

SCOTT LINGLEY

MISSION OF BURMA
OnOffOn
(Matador)
★★1/2

SIGH. EVERYONE SEEMS SO EXCITED about Mission of Burma's reunion, which seems particularly funny in that not nearly as many gave one shit or another about them the first time round. But 22 years *is* a long time, and absence does indeed make the heart grow fonder, even the collective one, but the problem with fondness is, it makes us a little too forgiving.



Believe me, I understand. I hate to sound like a wet blanket, and I don't care what anybody else says: I really do understand your impulse to celebrate when a favoured band from the past, which broke up, reunites. But you should resist that impulse, always. We all know it's never really the same, even though it frequently sounds *exactly* so.

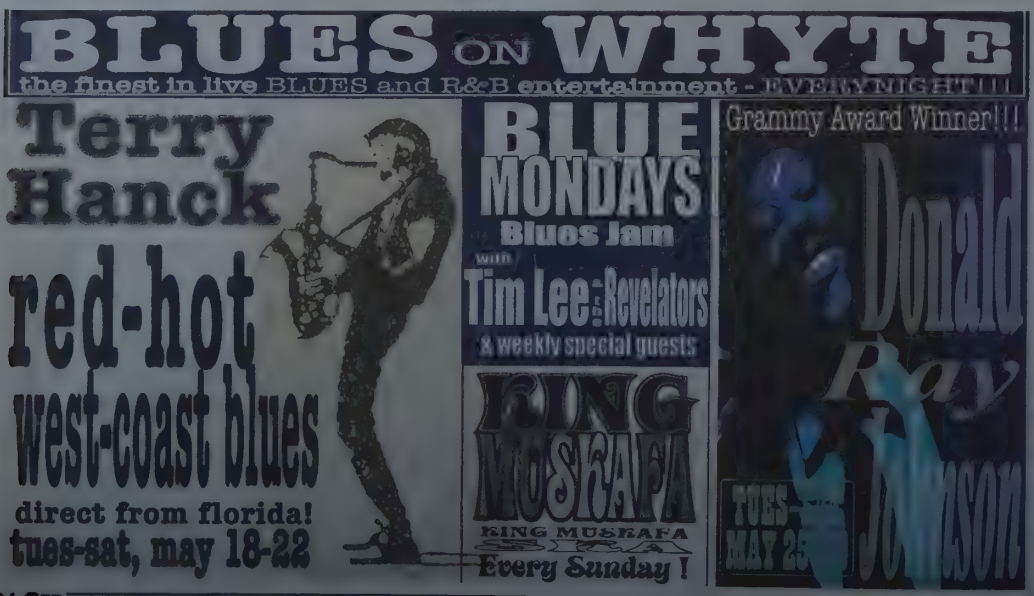
See, until *OnOffOn*, there was mystique. "Poor Mission of Burma," we could moan, "cut down, undoubtedly, before their prime. If only, if only..." Until this one, Mission of Burma had the *What if?*-factor working for them like crazy. But now, sadly, we know. The mystique no longer exists; the brand-new album we used to fantasize about sounds *old*, without the benefit of ever having sounded current. The things that placed them so far ahead of the curve at one time don't anymore. In our imaginations, this album set our asses on fire and kicked them from here to kingdom come. In reality, it is not so, no matter how much we pretend otherwise.

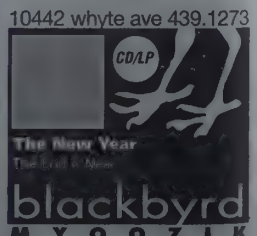
CRAIG ELLIOTT

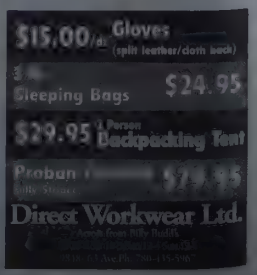
U.S. ROUGHNECKS
Twenty Bucks and Two Black Eyes
(Hellcat Records)
★★★

KIDS IN AMERICA SOMETIMES APPEAR to live a totally different reality than that seen by those involved in punk rock up here—more of a tough-guy world, where skins and punks run in crews and brim with local pride. To my uninitiated Northern ears, these are some of the cheesiest lyrics ever to come from a Hellcat Records band...but who knows, maybe that's how things really operate down in Sacto?! Fourteen tracks of California "short haired rock 'n' roll" (referring to skinheads & streetpunk, I presume) thoroughly cover each of the following topics over and over: running from the cops, the weekend, booze, fighting, and the working class. Lyrics aside, these are quality tunes from guys I'd be reluctant to mess with!

ROBIN SCHROFFEL







Soldiering on

Subterranean Sound battles popular opinion for the breakfast nation

THE YEAR WAS 2000, AND EDmonton's drum 'n' bass community could not have been more underground. No one could have dreamed that the scene would explode to the heights that it now has. No one except Subterranean Sound, that is. "Vital," their latest breakbeat endeavour, is starting this Friday night at Decadence. For a crew that's already had so much success throwing parties, they're hoping that this night could finally be the one to push breakbeat culture into public perception.

They were on the cusp of it with their Trauma Thursdays at the now defunct Rev/Lush, offering a mix of local talent and headliners, and featuring everyone from icons like Total Science and Goldie to trendsetters like High Contrast and Bad Company. According to Nick Samalack (aka Degree), "In the beginning we stumbled upon a lucky break because we knew some of the people that were involved in the Rev and Lush, and we kind of pressured them by letting them know that we could do something more in this city than what's going on at the time. We started it off with a bang with Dieselboy, D'n'B's most popular DJ, and just went from there."

But that night hit a snag about a year and a half ago when interest in electronic music was at an all-time low and club nights everywhere were dropping off like flies. Founding members Phatcat and Degree decided to take the crew into hibernation with only their infamous 4:20 parties as a regular occurrence. That is, until "Vital"; now they're poised to strike once again.

"This time we're going to mix it up with all sorts of breakbeats, [and] incorporate some fashion shows and art installations," says Dean Musani (aka Phatcat). "By bringing in too many headliners in the past, people don't realize what they've got for local DJs and producers and such. They think, 'I'll go next week,' or whatever, and then it's gone. Then whenever we come back a few months later then it's packed. So, we're going to try to keep that going this time."

Keeping the energy up this time means infusing talent into the crew. "We took our time to pick a few people that we felt were very strong,"

says Samalack, "guys that have been in other crews, like Heed and Ghetto FX, along with new talent that we've found, like DJ Dreadnought and MC DSnow. Dean and I have definitely got a few more breaks than the average drum 'n' bass DJ in the city, so we feel that it's only right to give breaks to new talent. Respect talent where it's due."

Musani adds, "Having new mem-

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bers means more minds and more inspiration to draw from. There's strength in numbers."

"Vital" kicks off with respected DJ/producer Teebee from Norway headlining along with a full slate of locals, thus kicking off a busy summer for the Subterranean Sound crew. "We've gotten to the point where SubSound is doing its own thing financially, and we've expanded it in different areas of production." says Samalack. "And we're fully booked with parties and festivals without a chance to blink. There's a lot of pressure on us to keep things tight but it feels good, and we're more than up for it."

ON THE DECKS

SPEKTRUM
Enter the... Spektrum
(Playhouse)
★★★★★

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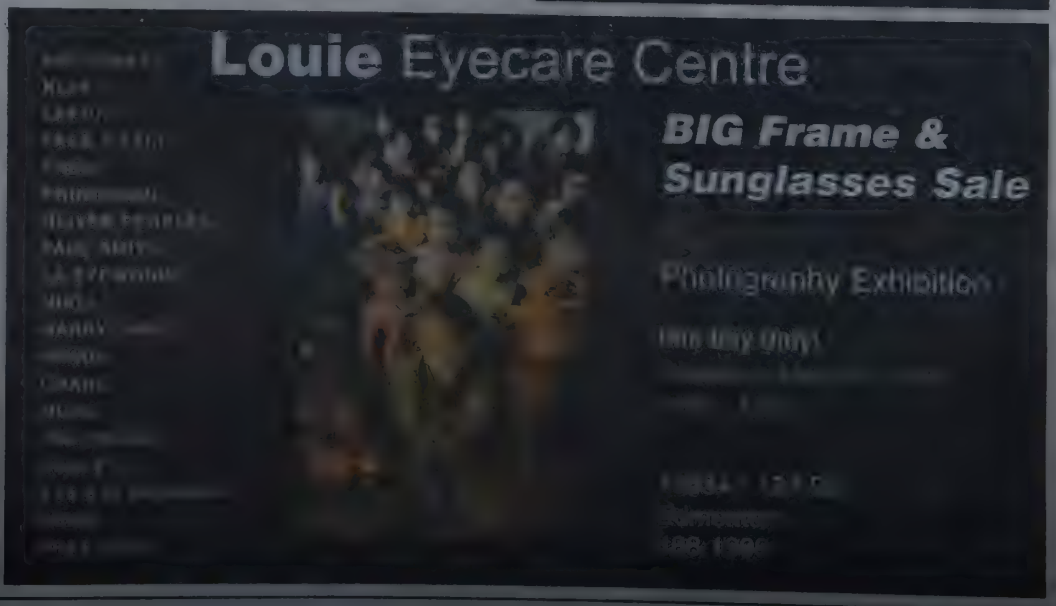

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Including, it seems, a magical mystery tour through the mythic heart of old Edmonton.

Buses are an essential: the chariot of the starving artist, mass transportation for the common man. Riding is a communal experience where the causal observer can take in private dramas, or construct stories around the souls inhabiting the seats and aisles.

Rather like theatre in a way.

Workshop West brings six plays to six secret spaces dotted around the city. Or as sound director Dave Clarke says, "There are actually 950,000 stories in Edmonton – these are just six."

Five stories–*By Heart* (Beth Graham), *Finding Felicia* (Marty Chan) *Spiral Dive* (Ken Brown), *Assembly* (Mieko Ouchi) and *Legacy* (Cathleen Rootsaert) first saw the light of day two years ago at the Springboards New Play Festival. There were only two shows, but the few people who took in the workshop presentations were impressed as much by the spaces as they were by the art. Director Ron Jenkins says when the writers were presented with their commissions they were told: "Have at 'er.'"

"We gave them a few rules but not many," Clarke interjects, "like their arses would be spanked if they went over 15 minutes."

Jenkins told the writers to, "Go out and find their spaces, then Dave and I would go out and nail them down. It was amazing to see how much serendipity, how much cohesion there was amongst the pieces. How much they were similar and how much they were completely disparate. What came from that experience [two years ago] was the melding of the whole thing, and we knew we had something."

The exciting thing for Jenkins is the discovery that "there were these spaces we never knew existed." But the two are maddeningly secretive about them. Pressed for details and Clarke responds with a smug chuckle: "Well, they are secret. They are a mystery." However the theatrical imps do deign to reveal one, an apartment in the basement of the Garneau Theatre on 109 St. Clarke says the owner Frank Doncaster built himself an office and personal living space there. This explains the old fashioned film editing table looming in the rehearsal hall. They also reveal that the piece features Robert Corness. That's it: to find out more, the curious must board the bus.

However, Jenkins says the project isn't about the spaces per se; "Sometimes it's not the space: it's the story that goes along with the space. We have one kind of jewel in the crown, which we don't want to talk about. When we went over to look at it we went, 'Oh my GOD, that's HERE?' I didn't know it existed, and we drove into this place and went, 'Holy shit'. Yeah."

But not all the spaces are out of the way: "We go to one place that's very well known, people drive by it on a daily basis, and they know a little bit of the history of it, maybe, but they've never been in that building. So sometimes the story is secret as opposed to the space".

Secret Space is touted as Workshop West's Edmonton 2004 Centennial Project, and the evening is set up as an historical tour. Clarke says the traveling time is as important as the actual pieces, so a way had to be found to knit the evening together. His expertise as a past historical interpreter came in handy. "I've played five or six Edmonton historical characters, including Matt McCauley, for various centennials and anniversaries."

Jenkins says the expertise was invaluable: "Dave was the guy. I'm blown away by how much he knows about the history of the city. He's a transplanted Brit from many moons ago."

Which Clarke says may explain his knowledge. "It's a modern consumer currency [here]. The real thing this city has which is unique, is that it's so young. There were only 5-600 people here at the beginning, and you can go to the archives and see how they put the city together, how roads had to be built. You can see how they figured out where Jasper Avenue was going to be. It was all squatted areas and land claims and land disputes. " And Jenkins says the young history gives the average Edmontonian a basic connection with the city and its stories

So, the bus portion is a magical history tour narrated by Bridget Ryan. "Who was Malcolm Groat, who was John Rowands, who was Laurent Garneau?" Clarke asks. "Literally it's going to be Bridget saying, 'Here's this building and a few things about it.' We've tried to tie it all together into some thematic narrative. A collection of stories that takes its cues from the bus route and the city". Jenkins agrees. "It's a landscape, a tapestry of stories that's put together like a collage. It's about the city and the people."

It's also a huge logistical nightmare for the production team. In addition to the six actors, director, sound designer, and designer, there's an actual ETS driver and a fleet of cars manned by volunteers who will streak through the streets ferrying actors from locale to locale. No: Workshop West didn't do the easy thing with solo pieces or individual casts, Jenkins went for an ensemble. A move that will, no doubt, cause many grey hairs by the end of the run. Jenkins admits it could go to hell in a hand basket, but, he says, "Everyone's brought so much to this, the writers who found the spaces, the actors who are contributing so much. It's a real ensemble piece."

"ETS has been tremendous with us. They planned our route for us', says Clarke, and now I'm planning the route for the actors to get to their locations, lots of shortcuts." The co-producers don't even want to talk about the things that could go wrong—accidents, road construction, getting lost. Jenkins likens the process to a juggling act, "Not only have we had to find the truth of these pieces, but also plan it out". While going to Spruce Grove is out, the show encompasses much of the city

There aren't any "treats" on the bus… this isn't Night Tours … but drinks can be ordered at the beginning of the route and picked up at intermission. And, like a regular bus, it leaves at 8pm sharp from the TransAlta Arts Barns.

This collection of tales of the city is Workshop West's birthday card to Edmonton. It will serve as one of the centerpieces of the upcoming Magnetic North Festival as well. Jenkins says it couldn't have come together anywhere else in the country. But he insists he's not tooting the Edmonton horn:

"The show's not about municipal pride, and we didn't want that. It's about these incredible stories from the place where we live" Clarke adds that it's an opportunity to become a tourist in our own space. "There's a continuity with you, the people on the bus, the tourists, even if they're new arrivals like me. It would be fun to get stories from the people on the bus, but there just isn't time."

EVA MARIE CLARKE

Internal travelogue

Lemoine's wildly popular *Pith!* warms up for New York

PITH!
Written and directed by Stewart Lemoine
Starring Leona Brausen, Jeff Haslam and Davina Stewart
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IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT A REviewer has the opportunity to recommend a show before it has opened—and without qualification. *Pith!* is guaranteed to be among the most satisfying evenings in the theatre you will enjoy this year, or any other year. Book your tickets now.

Canada's first Fringe theatre festival has proved fertile ground for the development of local playwrights who have subsequently made a significant impact well beyond Edmonton's corporate limits. David Belke, Chris Craddock, Jonathan Christenson, Joey Tremblay, and Brad Fraser have all nurtured early Fringe successes into important careers as playwrights and theatre artists.

The granddaddy of all Fringe playwrights, however, remains and will remain Stewart Lemoine, whose urbane comedies of (ill) manners have delighted Edmonton audiences for over two decades. Lemoine's first Fringe play, *All These Heels*, co-written with Phil Zyp, appeared in the first festival in 1982. Lemoine has shepherded the creation of a unique repertory-style theatre company, Teatro La Quindicina, and, since 1994, focused his attention on creating a full season of Teatro offerings, retiring from the Fringe scene in 2003.

The Teatro season closes with a remount with the original cast of one of Lemoine's most successful Fringe plays, *Pith!*, which also happens to be one of the top-five, most affecting productions I have watched in the past decade, period.

Pith! is a brilliant evocation of the unsurpassable magic of theatre that happens when performers and audience conspire together to create a vivid, heart-warming, spectacular evening out of thin air.

Although he also welcomes newcomers to the company, one of the real pleasures of Teatro is Lemoine's consistent use of the same performers in multiple shows. In this case, three Teatro stalwarts, all Edmonton favourites, reprise a thrilling adventure.

The play opens in 1931 as an itinerant sailor, Jack Vail, played by the wonderful Jeff Haslam, happens upon the grieving widow of a missing treasure-seeker. Virginia Tilford's husband disappeared a decade earlier searching for a lost silver mine in the South American jungle. Overcome with grief, she has lived in a kind of suspended animation. The luminous Davina Stewart plays Tilford.

Vail persuades the widow and her housekeeper, Nancy Kimble, played with disarming charm by Leona Brausen, to accompany him on a rescue mission, traveling from Providence, Rhode Island, through New Orleans, to the Amazon basin… all without leaving Trimble's house.

The play's conclusion speaks to all that is best in the human heart—compassion, empathy, friendship and selfless love—and leaves the audience thrumming with the conviction that imagination can redeem the most solitary soul

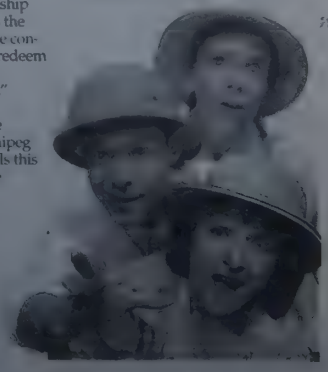
"This really is the A-Team," says Lemoine of his cast.

The re-mount precedes the tour of *Pith!* to both the Winnipeg and New York Fringe festivals this coming summer. Though the Winnipeg Fringe is an admirable competitor with Edmonton's own, it is the opportunity to mount *Pith!* in New York that represents the real prize. It will be the first time any member of the cast has the opportunity to perform in that city and, according to Lemoine, "they really deserve it."

As a touring production, *Pith!* couldn't be more convenient. The whole fantastic expedition is created with four chairs, some terrific costumes, and a nice carpet.

"Technically, this show is kind of hard to screw up," said Lemoine, "regardless of the venue."

Instead, this one-hour show with only 12 lighting cues relies upon the enormous talents of its cast and the evocative language of the script to create the world in which it unfolds.



Following its first production, in Edmonton's '97 Fringe, *Pith!* won Sterling awards for Outstanding New Play and Outstanding Production. *Pith!* was remounted once in 1999, when it traveled to Calgary for the High Performance Rodeo. The play has been published by NeWest Press in a collection called *A Teatro Trilogy, Selected Plays by Stewart Lemoine*.

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Hot 'n' cold

Dialogue engages

DIALOGUE AND REBUTTAL
By Gao Xingjian
Studio Theatre
Directed by Goesta Struve-Dencher
Featuring Beth Graham, Jonathan Christenson
Until May 22, 8 pm; matinee May 21, 12:30 pm
Timms Centre for the Arts (87 Avenue & 112 Street) Tickets: $8 to $20, 492-2495

WHILE THEATRE MANAGES AMAZINGly well at documenting much of human experience most of the time, some aspects of our condition just never make the dramatic radar for pure structural reasons.

One quick example: so much of human communication involves what isn't said (especially over long periods of time in long-term relationships of different stripes), a fact that's superhard to dramatize. Same deal with trying to show those emotional negative spaces in our lives – i.e., common low-level anxiety around a basic fear of isolation and/or loneliness – that are also next to impossible to easily act out or verbalize.

Still, while hard to surmount, it's not impossible to touch upon these lacuna, and much of the high modernist theatre experiment has been just an attempt to plumb that particular depth.

One of the giants of contemporary modernist (if not out-and-out surrealist) theatrical form and brilliant deconstructor of human isolation is Nobel Prize-winning Gao Xingjian, author of spare, yet emotionally-loaded plays like *Dialogue and Rebuttal*.

At it's heart, this work is a long, looping non-narrative about a woman and a man (Beth Graham and Jonathan Christenson) who hook up for some casual sex and have trouble parting out of crippling existential loneliness.

As befitting a play by a longtime Paris-based exile, a good chunk of the play deals with two characters trying to suss out the role language plays in their feeling out of the universe (major structural-linguistic sensibility at play) as much as the work deals with Asian philosophy and spirituality (represented by Sonja Myllymaki as a mainly silent but evocative monk). Translation: given it's tact in existential narrative construction, it's hard to not see this play as being inherently "dated."

In practical terms this means a lot of conversation about the general versus the specific and taking up a big chunk of the second act in a wild redemptive exercise in some kind of universalist move towards salvation and/or blissful nothingness with big dollops of concern over the inherent vulnerability/ disgustingness of human kind.

In short, a more-than-engaging production and a major coup acting-wise as three powerful performers managed to embody three almost-impossible characters and some intensely contradictory material. It was also a thrill to see a live band on stage.

On the downside, I was a little put off by the excessive text-based coldness of the production, the physical enforced distance of the show's set pieces (in particular the table-topped raked playing stage-within-the-larger-set) and the persistent sexism baked right into the script (i.e. why is it the woman is the only character that has the vulnerability-building memories of degrading sex?).

Basically it all goes down easier if you look at the piece as a historical artifact and are willing to overlook the lapses in veracity and political correctness.

GILBERT A. BOUCHARD

NUOVA nouveau

New festival aims to entice new fans

CANADIAN VOCAL ARTS FESTIVAL
Opera NUOVA
May 23 – Jun 20
Passes: $95.00, $55.00
Students/Seniors (excluding Ambassador Concert, $40.00, $25.00 Students/Seniors); 420-1757.

OPERA NUOVA, CANADA'S LEADING summer intensive opera program is morphing into Edmonton's newest festival, says founding president Kim Mattice Wanat.

For nearly a month, central Alberta music fans are going to be treated to a wide variety of operatic offerings performed by both emerging and established talent at the first ever Canadian Vocal Arts Festival, produced by the six-year-old Opera NUOVA.

Still providing a unique training environment for 44 singers and six pianists from all over Canada (in a slightly more compact four-week program), the brand-new festival is designed to present a much broader range of operatic presentations

While previous Opera NUOVA summer programs have culminated in the late June presentation of a pair of fully-staged operas spread over a week, the Canadian Vocal Arts Festival presents 15 evening and afternoon programs of everything from opera highlights concerts to artsong evenings to a comedy pastiche to educational lectures

"We decided that we wanted to give the singers as many different kinds of singing opportunities as possible, and given that Edmonton is Festival City, why not do that it the form of a festival," Wanat says, noting that the newly reformed event is easier to get funding for than the more training-oriented incarnation

"At their core Edmonton's festivals are highly creative, highly evolved events that allow the spirit of the artist total. One of the benefits of creating the Canadian Vocal Arts Festival is that we have a great vehicle for the passion that all these singers are infused with

As for the level of talent opera fans get to enjoy at the Festival, Wanat says performing singers are mainly wrapping up their undergraduate or graduate studies and are bridging the gap between the academic and professional world, representing the next generation of Canada' s operatic stars.

Underlining this continuum of developing talent, the Festival is being launched with a special touring presentation of "Cosi in Concert": a concert-style presentation of Mozart's classic comedy "Cosi Fan Tutti", produced by NUOVA alumni and bright-light emerging operatic talent including Cara Brown, Heidi Muendel and Gene Wu

On May 30, the Ambassador Concert will present a trio of Canada's brightest established opera stars: Wendy Nielsen, Benjamin Butterfield and Theodore Baerg

"Not only is this our major fundraiser and likely a sell-out event, these super-talented singers are presenting material that they don't often get a chance to sing from Ravel to Britten to a song cycle by Randy Newman."

GILBERT BOUCHARD

VOCAL ARTS FESTIVAL EVENTS
Cosi in Concert, May 23, 7:30 pm, CH
Evenings of Song May 27, June 3, 8 & 15, 7 pm, CH
Aria and Artsong Showcases (June 5 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.), CH
Ambassador Concert, May 30, 7:30 pm, CH
An Evening of Acts, Jun 10 & 11, 7:30 pm, PMT
Opera Enlightenment Lecture Series, Jun 6 & 13, 3 pm
Abduction from Seraglio, Jun 17 & 18, 7:30 pm, PMT
Le Nozze di Gigolo, Jun 20 at 7:30 pm, CH
CH = Convocation Hall; PMT = Provincial Museum Theatre

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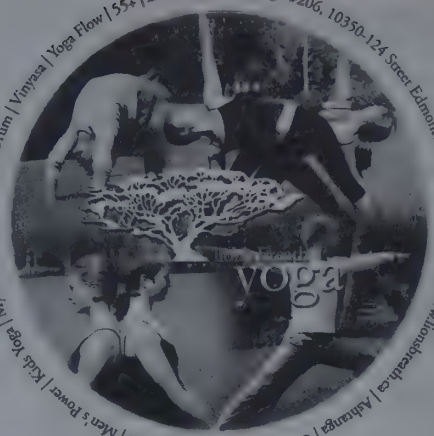

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LIVE MUSIC

ALTERNATIVE

NEW CITY *10081 Jasper Ave., Palladium Building, 429-CLUB* — **Fri** Voice Industrie. **THE POWER PLANT** *U of A Campus, 492-3101* — **Jun 4** Stabilo w/ Turn Off The Stars & The Social Wire.
RENDEZVOUS PUB *10108-149 St., 444-1822* — **Sat** Cause & Effect w/ Mroim & Quitus **Sun** Hootin' Annies.
SEEDY'S *10314-104 St., 421-0992* — **Fri** Grassroot Deviation w/ Taksi **Sat** The Ghetto Blasters w/ Rorschach.
STARS SPORTS & MUSIC BAR *10545 Whyte Ave., 439-1422* — **Upper Room**. **Thu** The End w/ Dissonance **Fri** The Stars Here w/ Five O'clock Charlie & Amaden **Sat** Live w/ Erin **Wed** Fresh Beatz. **Main Room**: **Thu** Slam feat. Mista, Hellfiya, Sweetz, Atomik, Jameel, Xu, Deadly & Jimijames **Fri** Manic Sumo Cunt w/ Hell Thrasher & The Dirtbags **Sat** Dusty, Quinn & Villain **Sun** Hip hop talent & fashion show **Wed** Tuffhouse.

BLUES & ROOTS

BLUES ON WHYTE *10329-82 Ave., 439-5058* — **Until Sat** Terry Hanck **Sun** Zig Zag Blues Band **Mon** Tim lee & the Revelators **Tue** & **Wed** Donald Ray Johnson.
CAPITAL HILL PUB *14203 Stony Plain Rd., 454-3063* — **Fri** & **Sat** Thomas Alexander Trio.
CHRISTOPHERS *2021 Millbourne Rd., 462-6565* — **Sat** Mister Lucky.
FATBOYZ PUB *6104-104 St.* — **Fri** Patsy Amico & Brian Gregg.
NU-WAVE *18228-89 Ave., 489-9627* — **Fri** The Shufflehound.
THE MELTING POT *10351-82 Ave.*, 433-6336 — Every **Thu** Acoustics blends w/ Cal Patrick.

JAZZ

CHANCE *10150-101 St., 424-0400* — Every Thu & Fri, 4 pm: Live music feat. Andrew Glover Trio.
FOUR ROOMS *137 Edmonton City Centre, 426-4767* — **Fri – Sun** Bomba Trio.
JEFFREY'S CAFÉ *9640-142 St., 451-8890* — Fri Jim Trigner & guests.
JULIAN'S PIANO BAR *Chateau Louis Hotel, 11727 Kingsway Ave., 732-4583* — Every **Wed** Late Nite Jazz w/ Graham J, 9:30 - 11:30 pm Every **Fri** Unwind with Gary Bowerman, 5 - 8 pm
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CASINO EDMONTON *7055 Argyll Rd., 463-9467* — **Fri** & **Sat** Lisa Hewitt
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SIDETRACK CAFÉ *10333-112 St., 421-1326* — **Thu** Shikasta w/ Cripple Creek Fairies & The Taylor Dons **Fri** Carolyn Mark w/ The Ramblin Ambassadors & The Silver Spurs **Sat** The James T. Kirks w/ The Von Zippers & The Blame-Its **Sun** Crush X **Tue** Kyla Sandulak, Monique Laflamme & Colleen Brown **Wed** Lost Action Heroes w/ Tuesday Can't Tell & Calico Drive.

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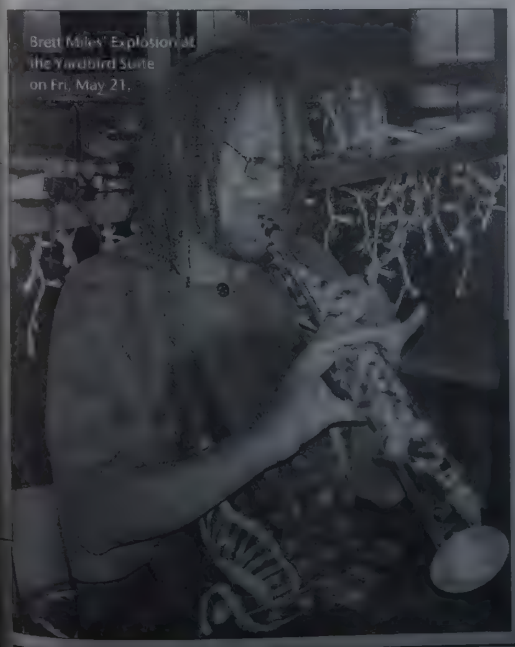

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BUDDY'S NIGHT CLUB *11725B-Jasper Ave, 488-6636* — **Mon** Amateur Strip Off (Midnight) w/prizes, DJ JiffyPop **Tue** DJ JiffyPop **Wed** Hot Crotch Contest w/prizes, DJ JiffyPop **Thu** Wet Underwear Contest w/prizes, shirtless men = shirtless drinks, DJ Jiffy Pop **Fri** Hot Friday w/DJ Arrowchaser **Sat** Animal Night w/ DJ Arrowchaser, drink specials **Sun** Industry night w/ staff prices & DJ Alvaro.
CALIENTE LATIN CLUB *10815 Jasper Ave., 425-0850* — **Sat** Community night w/ DJs Nightcrawler and Anthony Rizzuto spinning progressive, house, trance, breaks. $5 after 11:30 pm.
CLIMAXX AFTERHOURS *10018-105 St.* — **Fri** Hard house & trance w Crunchee, Mr. Anderson, Charlie Mayhem & Shortee **Sat** House & hard house w/ Will Danger, Donovan, Protégé, Jaw-dee, Tomek & LP
DECADENCE *10018 – 105 St.* — **Tue** Too Cool for Tuesdays, industrial, IDM drum & bass, acid techno w/ DJs Galatea & Bitstream.
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THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE WHYTE AVE *10314-82 Ave, 439-4545* — **Thu** Sleeman Method Thursdays – DJ Headspin, down-tempo & eclectic hip hop. www.eandcwhyte.com
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HALO *10538 Jasper Ave, 423-4256* — **Fri** The Mod Club: Soul, R&B, indie, Brit pop, new wave, reggae & classic punk w/ DJs Blue Jay & Travy D **Sat** For Those Who Know... deep house w/ Junior Brown, Remo, Simon Locke (monthly resident)
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SEVEN DAYS IN THE CITY

PICK OF THE WEEK

THE STARS HERE AT STARS — Toronto based experimental pop rockers The Stars Here will be performing at Stars (10545 Whyte Ave.) this Friday night. Edmonton bands Five O'clock Charlie and Amadan will be opening the show (two local acts definitely worth catching, so get there early). Tickets are available at the doors, which will open around 9 pm.

THURSDAY

SUPER 8 EXTRAVAGANZA — The Edmonton Super 8 Society is hosting a screening of vintage Super 8 films this Thursday at the Fava Exhibition Suite (9722-102 St.). This collection of short films on Super 8 will include *One AM*, featuring Charlie Chaplin, Liberty & *Busy Bodies*, starring Laurel & Hardy, and several other classics. The show will begin at 7 pm. Admission is $5 Call 429-1671

FRIDAY

LOSING OUR VOICE — Edmonton techno/industrial group Voice Industrie will be playing their final show ever this Friday night. This performance at New City (10081 Jasper Ave) will be the last chance to see these electro-pioneers in a live setting. Tickets are available at the door, and the show will get started around 10 pm.

SATURDAY

***PITH!* FOR THE POOR** — This Saturday's matinee performance of Pith! at the Varscona Theatre (10329-83 Ave) is a pay-what-you-can-affair. Ordinarily the tickets are $15 - $18, but on Saturday at 2 pm, you can bring what you've got and strike a deal at the ticket booth. *Pith!*, an epic tale of travel and adventure, made an award-winning debut at the 1997 Edmonton Fringe Festival, and was also selected to be featured in the New York Fringe. The play will run until June 5.

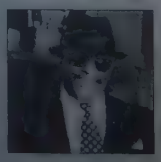
SUNDAY

VANS TOUR — This Sunday, West 49 and Vans are hosting a skate-board demo and autograph signing by the Vans pro-team. Tony Trujillo, Geoff Rowley, Steve Caballero, Ray Barbee and all the rest of the team will be on hand at Southgate Mall for a signing; afterwards the demo will take place at Millwoods Skate Park. Visit www.west49.com for more information.

MONDAY

CELEBRATION OF SPRING — The Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village presents a celebration of spring this Monday from 10 am - 6 pm. This Dance and culture extravaganza will feature a performance by The Vohon Dance Ensemble, plus live Music, historic demonstrations, wagon rides and much more. The Village is located 25 minutes east of Edmonton on Hwy 16. For information call: 780-662-3640.

TUESDAY



DONALD RAY JOHNSON — Texas-born R&B veteran Donald Ray Johnson is in town for a handful of shows at Blues On Whyte (10329-82 Ave.) His performances combine soul and funk elements for a classic smooth-blues sound. Donald Ray will take the stage nightly from Tuesday - Saturday

WEDNESDAY

MISSING IN ACTION? — Edmonton ska-punkers The Lost Action Heroes are headlining a special acoustic-only show at the Sidetrack Café on Wednesday night. The line-up for the night also includes locals Tuesday Can't Tell & Calico Drive, so head down to the Track to see what happens when some of the loudest decide to quiet things down a bit.

Sat, 8 pm – 4 am. **Tue** Hot Butt Contest w/ DJ Janny **Wed** Amateur Strip w/ Weena Luv, Sticky Vicky & DJ Alvaro, Happy hour till Midnight **Thu** Rotating shows, Ladonna's Review, Sticky's open stage & the Weakest Link Game, 2nd & last Thu, DJ Jazzy, drink specials 8 – 11 pm **Fri** Euro Blitz, best new European music w/ DJ Outtawak upstairs, DJ Jazzy & female stripper downstairs **Sat** Monthly theme parties, DJ Jazzy upstairs (new music), DJ Dan downstairs (retro music) **Sun** Betty Ford Hangover Clinic show, DJ Jazzy Info: www.theroostnticlub.com.
SAVOY BAR *10401-82 Ave.* — **Thu** Unhooked w/ Ben & Bob Trampoline **Fri** Love Will Tear You Apart: indie, postrock & electro w/ Briana & Chris **Sat** Deep house & sexy beats w/ Slick **Sun** French pop w/ Deja DJ.
SEEDY'S *10314-104 St., 421-0992* — **Tue** Electrotrash w/ DJ Miss Mannered **Wed** Learning to Hunt w/ Megatunes **Thu** Hot Chicks & Hotter Wax.
TANTRA *10147 Saskatchewan Dr, 434-8699* — **Mon** - **Thu & Sun** 5 pm - Midnight; **Fri & Sat** 5 pm - 2 am (Dancing 10 pm - 2 am)
WOODY'S *11725B Jasper Ave (Upstairs), 488-6636* — **Sun – Wed** open at 1 pm daily, Karaoke 7 pm **Tue** Pasta Specials **Sat & Sun** Brunch **Fri** & **Sat** DJ Arrowchaser. **Mon** Margarita Mondays **Wed** Game Show Wednesdays **Sat** Male Stripper, 11 pm Hours: Mon - Thu 1 pm - Midnight, Fri 1 pm - 3 am, Sat Noon - 3 pm, Sun Noon — Midnight.
Y AFTERHOURS *Back of 10030A-102 St.* — **Fri** F&@K it Fridays. Tripswitch, Sweetz, Remo, Bounce, Old Bitch, Jameel, LP, Degree w/ MC Flowpro **Sat** Mayhem Saturdays, Charlie Mayhem, Crunchee, Anthony Donahue, David Stone, Derkin, Juicy, Donovan, Jaw-Dee, Dave Thierman, Mike Shoaf
YOUR APARTMENT *8120 – 101 St.* — Every **Thu** Top Gear Lifestyle presents Thursday Night Shakedown, Various DJs, Drink specials, NC

Top 40

ARMOURY DANCE LOUNGE *10310-85 Ave, 702 1800* — **Mon** Go-girl night: ladies night, male entertainment, magician, balloon artist, drink specials **Thu** 5 for $5 **Fri** Hot for Teacher **Sat** Retro '80s-'90s upstairs/Top 40 downstairs **Long Weekend** Colour parties – choose a theme colour and plan a party. Info: www.armourydancelounge.com
AZUCAR *11733-78 St., 479-7400* — **May 23** Long Weekend Salsa Party **Wed** salsa dance lessons **Thu** hip hop & R&B.
BILLIARD CLUB *#200, 10505-82 Ave., 433-3654* — **Thu** Tantric Thursdays, Live DJ, drink specials.
B-STREET BAR *11818-111 Ave, 414-0545* — **Wed - Sun** Brad Scott.
BLIND DUCK *10416-118 Ave., 479-7193* — **Wed & Fri** DJ Grand Master Rich Carr.
CAFÉ SELECT *10018-106 st., 428-1629* — **Fri** DJ Slacks & Tryptomene
CALIENTE NIGHT CLUB *10815 Jasper Ave, 425-0850* — **Fri** Function Fridays w/ DJ Invinceable & MC J-Money **Sat** DJ Invinceable **Sun** Ladies Night w/ DJ Invinceable, Wed Old Skool w/ DJ Shoka-Sean, DJ Sin & DJ Instigate, NC B4 11 pm, $6 after 11 pm.
CEILI'S IRISH PUB *10338-109 St., 426-5555* — **Mon** Get Your Funk On w/ Quake **Fri** Cinco De Mayo **Sat** Various Fundraisers, **Wed** Hot Wheels.
CLAREVIEW PUB *132 Ave & Victoria Tr, 414-1111* — **Tue & Thu** Karaoke **Wed** DJ Lex & DJ Fiore **Fri & Sat** Drink specials. Happy Hour Daily 11 am - 7 pm & all day **Sun** DJ Fiore plays today's hottest hits & yesterday's classics NC ever!
COWBOYS SALOON 10120-180 St., 481-8739 — **Tue** Ladies Night **Thu** .25 draft **Fri** Fun-tastic weekends **Sat** Does your bladder matter?
CRISTAL LOUNGE *10336 Jasper Ave, 426-7521* — **Fri** Fundraiser Night, call 990—3692 for bookings **Sat** Legendary Urban Saturdays (R&B, hip hop, reggae, soca) w/DJ Invinceable & MC J-Money, $8.
DARIEN'S COCKTAILS & FINE FOOD *5552 Calgary Tr S, 439-8675* — Full menu, happy hour every day 4 - 7 pm, wing specials, daily specials, games room, living room, big screen TV.
THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* — **Thu** Chris Wynters & guest **Sat** Harpdog Brown, 3 pm. Open long weekend Sundays.
ELEVATION LOUNGE *10309-81 Ave (upstairs), 433-4979* — DJ 4Play playing the best of top 40 & retro music all week long **Wed** Guest bartenders **Thu** Salsa Night, 8 pm NC.
ESCAPE ULTRA LOUNGE *WEM, 489-1330* — **Fri** Freedom Fridays, house, Euro & club anthems w/ The People's DJ **Sat** Evolution Saturdays, high energy house & retro **Sun** Hospitality, retail, beauty service industry night, www.edmontonnightclubs.com
FARGOS WHYTE AVE *10307 Whyte Ave, 433-4526* — **Wed** Name That Tune w/ DJ Shar Visit: www.fargos.ca
GALLERY LOUNGE *Mayfield Inn, 16615-109 Ave., 930-4061* — **Thu** to **Sat** DJ Steve.
GAS PUMP *10166-114 St., 488-4841* — **Mon** NFL Football **Tue & Wed** Karaoke, drink specials & pool leagues **Thu** Ladies Night w/ male dancers (9:30 - 11 pm), free pool for guys, drink specials, dancing after 11 pm **Fri & Sat** Drink specials 9 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Christian **Sun** Open most long weekend Sundays, drink specials 8:30 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Travis. Mandatory coat check/dress code/no cover charge.
GLOBE TAP BAR & GRILL *10045-109 St., 426-7111* — **Wed** Wings Night, starts @ 2 pm **Thu** Half price everything **Fri & Sat** Top 40 w/ dancing **Sun** Industry night.
GREENHOUSE NIGHTCLUB *Neighborhood Inn 13103 Fort Rd, 472-9898* — Thu Ladies night w/ male reviews **Fri & Sat** DJ Fever, drink specials.
THE GRINDER BAR *10957-124 St., 453-1709* — **Fri & Sat** Live Music (Blues, Classic Rock, New Rock) Draft, Shooter specials, prize giveaways **Sun** Karaoke, free pool all day.
THE GUILTY MARTINI NORTH *12536-137 Ave., 478-3599* — Open **Wed – Sat**, 5 pm – 3 am. **Wed** Drink specials **Thu** Grooveology **Fri** Diva night **Sat** Guilty groove party. Open Sunday long weekends, Live DJ every night.
THE GUILTY MARTINI SOUTH *10338-81 Ave. 433-7183* — Open **Wed – Sat**, 5 pm – 3 am. **Wed** Drink specials **Thu** Grooveology **Fri** Diva night **Sat** Guilty groove party. Open Sunday long weekends, Live DJ every night.
H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE *10044-82 Ave, 433-5794* — **Tue & Thu & Sat & Sun** Karaoke DJ Double Jack plays the best in dance, rock & pop.
THE HIGH RUN CLUB *4926-98 Ave, 440-2233* — Sports & billiards, 14 types of draught beer on tap **Tue** Name that Tune 9 pm **Wed** Loonie pool night **Fri & Sat** Live entertainment **Sun** Happy hour all day
IRON HORSE *8101-103 St., 438-1907* — **Fri** DJ Loose Cannon **Sat** Urban dance party w/ DJ 420.
THE JOINT NIGHTCLUB *2554 WEM, 8882-170th St., 486-3013* — **Wed** Industry Wednesdays Ladies Nite w/ male dancers **Fri** Fresh Fridays presented by Urban Metropolis Sound Crew, 2 Floors, 2 DJs, 2 Sounds, drink specials **Sat** In Shambles Saturdays. Info: www.edmontonnightclubs.com
KELLY'S *11540 Jasper Ave, 451-8825* — **Mon** Free Pool **Fri & Sat** Live Entertainment **Wed & Sun** Karaoke Happy Hour 11 am - 7 pm daily.
KINGSKNIGHT PUB *9221-34 Ave, 433-2599* — **Mon** Watch Monday Night Football on 15ft screen **Tue** Big Easy Tuesdays in the Venue (inside Kingsknight), buy a wristband ($10) get $1 drinks **Wed** Sake to Me Wednesdays, sushi & sake on special, karaoke hosted by Smirking Jay 9 pm **Thu** Live music, drink specials, karaoke w/ Smirking Jay in the Venue **Fri** Ladies Night in the Venue w/ male dancers 8 pm, karaoke 11 pm, live band 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sat** Karaoke in the Venue 9 pm, live bands 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sun** NFL football on big screen
LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6101-172 St., 481-2786* — Happy Hour all week, 2-7 pm **Fri & Sat** Live entertainment.
LONGRIDERS *11733-78 St., 479-7400* — **Thu** Hot Latin night w/ free dance lessons, 8 pm **Fri & Sat** Live Classic Rock, doors 7 pm $4 cover after 9 pm. Info: www.longridersslounge.com.
MEZZA LUNA *10238-104 St., 423-LUNA* — **Wed & Thu** Free Latin dance lessons, 9 - 11 pm **Fri** Advanced salsa lessons **Fri & Sat** Orquesta Energia.
THE NEW RUM *Phase II WEM, 486-9494* — **Thu** Urban substance **Fri & Sat** Top 40 **Sun** Industry Sundays.
OVERTIME BROILER & TAPROOM *10304-111 St., 423-1643* — **Thu** Extreme Thursdays feature cheap drinks & cool music.
PUCKS *11845 Wayne Gretzky Dr S, 471-1231* — **Fri** Top 40, '80s & Rock & Roll, Ladies specials, cool atmosphere, The newest club on the block **Sat** Hockey Night, closest club to the action, big screen TV's, drink specials **Sun** Pool Tournament, opens 2 pm tournament start 3 pm double knockout, cash prizes, drink specials all day.
RACK 'EM BILLIARDS URBAN DANCE LOUNGE *10131-97 St., 474-7322* — **Fri & Sat** house, trance, R&B beats, DJ Venus & guests.
RED'S *WEM, 481-6420* — **Mon** All you can bowl, 9 pm **Tue** Toonie Tuesday **Wed** Casino bowl, cash prizes **Sun** Hypnotist show at 9:30.
ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL *11715-108 Ave, 447-4727* — DJ Sociable Dave all week long **Mon** Monday Night Football (NTN & QBI) **Tue** Toonie Tuesdays (9 pm - 2 am) **Wed & Thu** Drink specials all night long **Fri & Sat** Pool Tournaments on 6 pool tables, foosball **Sun** NFL QB1 all day long.
THE ROXY ON WHYTE *10544-82 Ave, 439-7699* — **Tue** Drink specials **Wed & Thu** Wet T-shirt night, drink specials **Fri & Sat** R&B Dance Format w/ DJ Extreme **Sun** Drink specials.
RUBY SKYE BAR *Bourbon Street, WEM, 489-6789* — **Tue** Female Fantasy Night, drink specials for the ladies **Wed** Industry Night, drink specials all night **Fri** Feel Your Rhythm **Sat** Nite at the Skye, R&B/hip hop w/ the People's DJ (780 Productions)
RUNWAY NIGHTSPOT *Leduc Inn, 986-4018* — **Wed** — **Sat** DJ Vincenzio.
RHYTHM & BREWS *4990-92 Ave.* — **Sat** Classic Rock night.
SCOLARS PUB *11113-87 Ave.* — **Mon** Frat night **Wed** Draught special **Sun** Rock trivia.
SCRUFFY MURPHY'S IRISH PUB *Whitemud Crossing, 485-1717* — **Thu** Half-price drinks 9 pm - Midnight **Tue** Industry Night, 25% off your tab **Wed** music trivia. Info: www.scruffymurphyspub.com
SELINA'S *15347 Stony Plain Rd., 481-6444* — Hip hop, reggae, soca, R&B **Wed** Giveaway Wednesday **Fri** Rupie's sound explosions **Sat** Dancehall Saturdays.
SMOK'N JOE'S 615 Hermitage Rd, 476-6122 — **Wed** Retro-nite; **Thu** Ladies nite **Fri** Stop-watch nite **Sat** Free cash give-a-way, $100 six-times-a-night **Sun** Industry nite.
THE STANDARD *6107-104 St., 438-CLUB* — **Wed** Girls Night Out, male dancers, drink specials **Thu** Smooth house beats **Fri** XXX Ladies night **Sat** Live from the Standard Radio Info www.the-standard.ca
STARS NIGHTCLUB *10551-82 Ave, 432-7977* — **Wed** Electro, house & breaks w/ Johnny 5, Lp, Quinn, Dusty Grooves & Villain
STONEHOUSE PUB *11026 Jasper Ave, 420-0448* — **Fri & Sat** DJ Clay
SUITE 69 *8232-103 St, 439-6969* — **Wed** — **Sat** '70s & '80s dance music.
TONIC AFTER DARK *9920-62 Ave, 408-2877* — **Fri** Fantasy Fridays, Ladies night **Sat** Uncensored Saturdays w/ Urban Metropolis sound crew. Info: www.edmontonnightclubs.com
WEISERS LOUNGE *957 Fir St., Sherwood Park, 464-3939* — **Tue** Latin night **Fri** Classic rock **Sat**, 3 pm Live music jam **Thu, Fri & Sat** DJ Dino, large dance floor, Top 40.
WOOLY BULLY'S *8230 Gateway Blvd., 435-2886* — **Mon – Sat** Food & drink specials.

Country

COOK COUNTY SALOON *8010-103 St., 432-COOK (2665)* — **Wed** Kickin' karaoke **Thu** Classic country **Fri & Sat** DJs Kenni Kixx & Gary. Take your chances on the mechanical bull!
COWBOYS COUNTRY SALOON *10180-180 St., 481-8739* — Country/Top 40 Music, dress code in effect, $5 cover charge **Tue** Western Canada's #1 Ladies Night featuring exotic male entertainers, topless waiters, drink specials, NC for ladies before 10:30 pm, NC for all restaurant/hospitality staff **Thu** drink specials **Fri** Student/College Night Out, drink specials **Sat** Edmonton's Biggest Weekend Celebration.
DUSTERS PUB *6402-118 Ave.,474-5554* — **Wed** Name That Tune **Fri & Sat** Dustkickers.
FATBOYZ PUB *6104-104 St., 437-3633* — **Thu** Wing night **Fri** Live entertainment.
J.J'S PUB *13160-118 Ave., 451-9180* — **Fri & Sat** Live entertainment.
NEW WEST TAVERN *15025-111 Ave., 489-2517* — Country & honky tonk.
RATTLESNAKE SALOON *9261-34 Ave, 438-8878* — **Tue** Free country dance lesson w/ Leon Klatt, happy hour all night **Wed** Happy hour all night **Thu** Free country dance lessons w/ Leon Klatt; **Thu, Fri & Sat** Ladies night specials, live entertainment. Hours: Tue – Sat, 5 – 2 am.
WILD WEST SALOON *12912-50 St., 476-3388* — **Wed** Free beginners dance lessons 8 - 9:30 pm **Thu** Free intermediate dance lessons 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

OPEN STAGE

Thursday

BACKDRAUGHT PUB *8307-99 St., 430-9200* — Open mic at 8 pm, hosted by Leona Burkley.
THE BLIND DUCK *10416-118 Ave., 479-7193* — Open stage hosted by Loren Burnstick, 9:30 pm - close.
DUSTER'S PUB *6402-118 Ave., 474-5554 or 479-0997* — Open stage 9 pm, hosted by Brian Petch.
J.J.'S PUB *118 Ave. St. Albert Tr., 489-7462* — Open Stage hosted by Enrique.
NAKED CYBER CAFE & ESPRESSO BAR *10354 Jasper Ave., 425-9730* — Open stage 9:30 pm, bring your own instruments, poetry, etc.
PLEASANTVIEW HALL *10860-57 Ave.* — Jam session 7 pm, hosted by the Wild Rose Old Tyme Fiddlers Association. Info: 434-5997.
SECOND CUP JASPER AVE *10303 Jasper Ave., 424-7468* — Open mic 7:30 - 10:30 pm, hosted by Ron Taylor.
ST. THOMAS COFFEE HOUSE *44 St. Thomas St., St. Albert, 458-8225* — First Thu of every month open stage and jam 7:30 - 10:30 pm hosted by Jim & Penny.

Friday

ESPRESSO STATION *4707-49 Ave (across from the 7/11), Stony Plain, 963-6635* — 7 - 10 pm, hosted by Shenta & Karla.
EXPRESSIONZ CAFÉ *Eastwood Hall, 86 St. & 118 Ave., 471-9125* — Open stage hosted by Craig Shafer.
THE FOX PUB *100, 10125-109 St., 990-0680* — Open stage
GOBBLE GOBBLE *12831 Fort Rd.* — 8 pm – 1 am hosted by Jay.
THE MELTING POT *10351-82 Ave.*, 433-6336 — Live music w/ T.K.

Saturday

44 MAGNUM CLUB *8318-144 Ave., 475-8702* — Open stage jams 3 - 7 pm.
BLIND PIG PUB *St. Albert, 418-6332* — 3:30 pm Hosted by the Brothers of Soul.
BLUES ON WHYTE *10329-82 Ave., 439-5058* — Blues jam 3 - 6:30 pm.
NEW WEST TAVERN *111 Ave. & 151 St.* — Afternoon jam session at 3 pm.
ROSIE'S BAR AND GRILL *10315-124 St., 482-1600* — Open blues & country jam 5:30 - 9:30 pm.
TIM'S GRILL *7106-109 St., 413-9606* — Open stage hosted by Randy Smallman, 9 pm.

Sunday

CARGO & JAMES TEA SHOPPE *10634-82 Ave.* — Open Stage 7 – 10 pm hosted by Bob Robichaud.
ECCO PUB *9605-68 Ave., 435-5050* — Open Stage w/ The Imaginary Friend Band, 4 - 8 pm (Blues & Roots).
FILTHY MCNASTY'S *10511-82 Ave. (upstairs), 437-7489* — Free jam hosted by Mike Caton, 9 pm.
THE FOX PUB *100, 10125-109 St., 990-0680* — Open stage.
NEW ORLEANZ BLUES & JAZZ *15347 Stony Plain Rd, 484-2602* — Singer/Songwriter open stage, 7 - 9 pm.
O'BYRNES IRISH PUB *10616-82 Ave., 414-6766* — Open Stage hosted by Joe Bird, 9 pm.
RED STRAP MARKET *10305-97 St., 497-2211* — Drop in venue for musicians, 2 – 4 pm.
ROSEBOWL *10111-117 St, 482 2589* — Jam w/ Mike McDonald 9:30 pm.

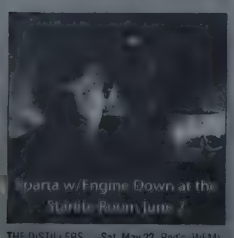
Monday

BLIND PIG PUB *St. Albert, 418-6332* — 7 pm Hosted by the Brothers of Soul.
LB'S PUB *23 Akins Dr., St. Albert, 460-9100* — 9 pm – 2 am w/ Randy Martin.
SIDETRACK CAFE *10333-124 St., 421-1326* — Every Mon, 8:30 pm featuring Ben Spencer, NC.

LEGEND

TM — Ticketmaster (451-8000 or on-line @ www.ticketmaster.ca)
TIX — TIX on the Square (420-1757)
WIN — Winspear Centre Box Office (429-1414 or 1-800-563-5081)
ARD – Arden Theatre (459-1542 or www.ardenthea-tre.com)
FES – Festival Place (449-FEST or www.festi-valplace.ab.ca)
HOR – Horizon Stage (962-8995 or www.horizonstage.com)
NC — No Cover
AA — All Ages

HOT SHOWS



Sparta w/ Engine Down at the Starlite Room June 7

THE DISTILLERS — **Sat May 22**, Red's (WEM) Tickets from TM
THE END — **Thu May 20** Stars (10545 Whyte Ave) **Fri May 21** Stars, Alexandra Hall (10425 Uni. Ave. W) Tickets on door
K D LANG — **Tue Jun 15** Jubilee Auditorium Tickets $65.50 - $85.50 from TM
MERLE HAGGARD — **Thu May 20** Rexall Place w/ Blake & The Rodeo Kings Tickets $49.50 from TM
SHIKASTA — **Thu May 20** Sidetrack Cafe (10333-124 St) w/ The Cripple Creek Fairies & The Tailor Dolls $7 at the door
SPARTA — **Wed, Jun 2**, Starlite Room (10030-102 St.) w/ Engine

FREE STUFF

This is what you need to do: Call our hotline, 430-9043, between 1 and 1:15 p.m. on Friday, indicate which of the prizes listed below you'll be vying for and give our FREE STUFF operator the correct answer. If you reach our answering machine hang up and try again. You may not win FREE STUFF by leaving messages on our voice mail or sending faxes to the SEE office or if you have won in the last 30 days.

Prize: A double guest pass to see *Touching the Void* or *The Corporation* at the Garneau theatre.
Skill testing question: Noam Chomsky received his PhD in what field of study in 1955?

Prize: A double guest pass to see *The Delicate Art of Parking* or *The Reckoning* at the Princess theatre.
Skill testing question: The Reckoning director Paul McGuigan also directed the screen adaptation of what Irvine Welsh novel.

TUESDAY

BACKROOM VODKA BAR *10324-82 Ave. (Upstairs), 436-4418* — Every Tue until Aug, poetry open stage, 8 pm. Hosted by the Raving Poets Band.
THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* — Chris Wynters hosts open stage at 9 pm.
LEGENDS PUB *6104-172 St., 481-2786* — Open jam night.
YARDBIRD SUITE *10203-86 Ave., 432-0428* — Jam sessions 9 pm.

WEDNESDAY

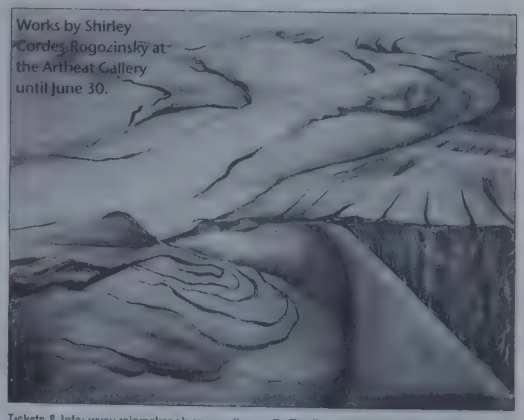
ATLANTIC TRAP & GILL *7704-104 St., 432-4611* — Open mic 8 pm, hosted by Knotwork.
THE LOCKER ROOM *10209-100 Ave.* — Open Stage for comedians & musicians.
THE MELTING POT *10351-82 Ave.*, 433-6336 — World beat music hosted by Enrique.
PLEASANTVIEW HALL *10860-57 Ave.* — Bluegrass jam session 7:30 pm hosted by the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society. Info: 434-5997.
ROSSDALE COMMUNITY HALL *10135-96 Ave.* — Little Flower open stage 8 - 11 pm, hosted by Brian Gregg. Info: 429-3624 or www.ecn.ab.ca/~bgbg/flower.html
SECOND CUP AT CALLINGWOOD *6825-177 St., 486-1999* — Open stage hosted by Terry Thrasher & Erroll Zastre, 8 pm.

KARAOKE

ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE VETERANS CLUB (ANAF) *127 St. & Yellowhead Tr, 451-4848* — **Fri**, 8:30 pm - 12:30 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
B-STREET BAR *11818-111 Ave., 414-0545* — **Wed – Sun** w/ Brad Scott
BILLY BOB'S *Continental Inn, 16625 Stony Pl Rd, 484-7751* — **Fri & Sat**
BILLY BUD'S *9839-63 Ave., 438-1148* — **Sat**, 8:30 pm, Karaoke Idol contest.
BLUE QUILL *326 Saddleback Rd, 434-3124* — **Fri & Sat**
BO-DIDDLY'S PUB & GRILL *4274-137 Ave., 476-1918 or 377-0219* — **Thu** w/ Mr. Entertainment.
BORDERLINE PUB *3226-82 St., 462-1888* — **Thu – Sat**, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am.
BOSTON PIZZA BEVERLY *3303-118 Ave.* — Sat, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
BOSTON PIZZA NAIT *10115 Princess Elizabeth Ave.* — **Wed**, 8 pm – 12 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
BOSTON PIZZA WHYTE *10854-82 Ave., 433-3131* — **Thu**, 8 pm – 1:30 am.
BREWS & CUES *8130 Gateway Blvd, 433-2823* — **Sat**
BROTHERS PUB *101100 Granada Blvd. Shwd Park* — **Sun**, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am w/ Jammin Jamie.
BUD'S LOUNGE *Capilano Mall, 98 Ave. & 50 St.* — **Fri & Sat**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
CAPITAL PIZZA *8304-160 Ave., 457-0909* — **Thu** w/ Off-key.
CASSELWOOD PUB *14620 50 St, 473-1010* — **Wed**, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am.
CHATEAU ON THE HILL Beaumont — **Sat**, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment.
CLAREVIEW PUB *104, 550 Clareview Rd, 414-1111* — **Tue**, 10 pm - 2 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
CLIFF CLAYVIN'S *9710-105 St., 424-1614* — **Fri & Sat**, 10 pm – 2 am.
CODY'S LOUNGE *14915 Stony Plain Rd., 443-3221* — **Sat** 9 pm w/ Diamond Sound.
COOK COUNTY SALOON *8010-103 St., 432-COOK* — **Wed**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
COSSACK INN *301-1st Ave., Spruce Grove, 962-3844* — **Wed**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr Entertainment
DARIEN'S LOUNGE *9945-50 St., 440-5071* — **Fri & Sat**
DOC'S LOUNGE *15203 Stony Plain Rd., 486-1100* — **Wed, Fri & Sat**, 9 30 – 1.30 am
DOYLE'S PUB *2619-151 Ave., 473-1961* — **Fri & Sat** 9 30 pm
THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave* — **Wed**, 9.30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment.
DUSTER'S PUB *6402-118 Ave., 474-5554* — **Wed** 9 pm - 1 am & **Sun** 8 – 12 pm
FRANCO'S *14059 Victoria Tr, 478-4636* — **Thu – Sat** Woody's karaoke 9 pm.
FINNIGAN'S *13560-Fort Rd.* — **Wed**, 8:30 pm - 12 30 am w/ Big Time Entertainment.
FRANKLIN'S PARK LOUNGE *2016 Sherwood Dr, Shwd Park* — **Fri & Sat**, 10 pm – 2 am.
GAS PUMP *10166-114 St., 488-4841* — **Tue**
THE GRINDER *10957-124 St., 453-1709* — **Every Sun**
H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE *10044-82 Ave., 433-5794* — **Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun**
HILLVIEW PUB *311 Woodvale Rd W, Millwoods, 462-0468* — **Fri**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
INGLEWOOD PUB *12402-118 Ave., 451-1390* — **Thu – Sat**, 9:30 pm - 2 am w/ Mr Entertainment.
J.R'S BAR & GRILL *4003-106 St., 436-4403* — **Thu** 9 pm w/ Diamond Sound
JIMMY RAY'S *15211-111 Ave., 486-3390* — **Fri**, 9 pm
KELLY'S *11540 Jasper Ave., 451-8825* — **Sun & Wed**
KINGSKNIGHT PUB *9221-34 Ave., 433-2599* — **Thu - Sat**, Smirking Jay 9 pm
KNIGHTS PUB *11860-145 Ave.* — **Tue, Thu - Sat** w/ Mr. Entertainment
KOSMOS *5011-50 Ave., Leduc, 986-3122* — **Wed & Sat**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr Entertainment
L. B.'S PUB *23 Akins Dr, St. Albert, 460-9100* — **Tue & Thu**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Hot Tunes
LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6104-172 St., 481-2786* — **Wed**, 9 pm
LOCKER ROOM *10209-100 Ave., 428-6442* — **Mon & Fri.**
METRO BILLIARDS *10250-106 St., 990-0704* — **Tue**, 10 pm – 2 am w/ Loung Lizard Ent.
MICHAEL'S *11730 Jasper Ave., 482-4767* — **Mon**, w/ Mr. Entertainment.
MILTON'S CAFÉ & BAR *10235-124 St., 451-8188* — **Fri, Sat**, Starts at 4 pm.
MUGGN'Z PUB *6655-178 St.* — **Wed & Sat**
NEWCASTLE PUB *6108-90 Ave., 490-1999* — **Tue & Thu.**
NEW ORLEANZ NIGHTCLUB *15347 Stony Pl Rd, 484-2602* — **Tue**
ORLANDO'S I *15163-121 St., 457-1195* — **Sun** 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
ORLANDO'S II *13509-127 St., 451-7799* — **Wed & Thu**, 9 pm - 1:30 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
OVERLAND LOUNGE *12960 St. Albert Tr.* — **Fri & Sat** 9 pm – 1 am w/ Big Time Entertainment.
PEPPERS *Westmount Mall* — **Thu**, 9 pm
RATTLESNAKE SALOON *9261-34 Ave, 438-8878* — **Wed**, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment.
RISING SUN CAFÉ & SOBER DANCE CLUB *11311 Kingsway Ave., 479-3775* — **Wed & Thu**, Family karaoke 6 pm – Midnight
ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL *11715-108 Ave., 447-4727* — **7 days a week**, 9 pm
ROSE BOWL PIZZA *10111-117 St., 482-5152 or 482-2589* — **Wed & Sat**
ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL *10315-124 St., 482-1600* — **7 days a week**, 9:30 pm
ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL *10475-80 Ave., 439-7211* — **Thu – Sat**, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am.
ROSIE'S BAR *63 Ave & 99 St* — **Tue – Sat**, 9 pm w/ Off-key.
ROSIE'S LOUNGE *96 St. & 167 Ave.* — **Fri - Sun**, 9 pm w/ Off-key.
ROSIE'S LOUNGE *10604-101 St., 423-3499* — **Mon**, 9 pm: Triveoke **Tue – Sat**, 9 pm: Karaoke
RHYTHM & BREWS 4990-92 Ave. — **Tue & Fri** 9 pm.
SAK'S ON 51 ST *10525-51 Ave.* — **Fri & Sat**
SHERLOCK HOLMES *Bourbon Street, WEM* — **Sun**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
SILVER BULLET *4704-97 St., 437-6203* — **Wed**, 8 pm.
SILVER MARTINI *10668-156 St., 484-9753* — **Thu & Sat**, 9 pm w/ Lounge Lizard Ent.
SMOK'N JOES ROADHOUSE *615 Hermitage Rd., 476-6122* — **Wed** w/ Rockin Kenny
SPIKES RESTAURANT & LOUNGE *99 St. & 32 Ave., 430-3663* — **Fri & Sat** w/ TLC entertainment
SPORTSMANS LOUNGE *145 8107-50 St.* — **Thu**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
STRATHERN PUB *9514-87 St., 465-5478* — **Wed, Fri & Sat**
THYME TO DINE *15505-118 Ave.* — **Fri & Sat**, 9 pm – 1 am
TODAY'S PUB *5224-86 St.* — **Fri & Sat**, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Big Time Entertainment
WEISER'S *957 Fir St., Sherwood Park, 464-3939* — **Tue**, 9 pm - 1 am
WINSTON'S PUB *9016-132 Ave.* — **Wed, Fri & Sat**, 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment
WOODY'S *11725B Jasper Ave. (Upstairs), 488-6636* — **Sat – Mon** w/ Randy, **Tue & Wed** w/ Tizzy
YESTERDAY'S *Boudreau Rd, St. Albert, 459-0295* — **Tue**, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr Entertainment

CONCERTS

D'ARCY GREAVES — **Fri, May 28**, 7:30 pm, Robertson-Wesley Church. Benefit concert w/ Pavlo. Tickets $20 from TM
THE DISTILLERS — **Sat, May 22**, Red's (WEM) Tickets from TM.
EVENING OF MUSIC — **Thu, Jun 3**. Timms Centre (U of A campus) Feat. Christian Mena, The North Country Ramblers, Oran Choir & Charlie Austin. Tickets $40, call 422-7333.
FUTURES FEST — **Sun, May 23**, Winspear Centre. Feat. A Band In All Hope, Eulogy, Ender, Victory & Rio. Tickets $15 - $20 from WIN
JONES — **Fri, Jun 11**, 7:30 pm, Stanley Milner Library. Tickets at the door
K.D.LANG — **Tue, Jun 15**, Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets $65.50 - $85.50 from TM
LA CHORALE LES CHANTAMIS — **Sun, May 30**, 3 pm, Presbyterian Church (10025-105 St.) Tickets $10 at the door.
LILIA KRIEGER & IRINA KONOVALOV — **Sat, May 22**, 8 pm: McDougall United Church (*10025-101 St.*) Tickets $10 - $15, call 459-4428
LITANY — **Sun, May 30**, 7 pm, Winspear Centre. Presented by Cantilon Choirs. Tickets from WIN
THE MASTERS — **Fri & Sat, May 28 & 29**, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. Feat. The Edmonton Syphony Orchestra. Tickets $15 & up from WIN.
MERLE HAGGARD — **Thu, May 20**, Rexall Place. W/ Blackie & The Rodeo Kings. Tickets $49.50 from TM.
MORE THAN MOZART — **Tue & Thu, Jun 8 & 10**, Winspear Centre. Feat The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Tickets $20 - $55 from WIN.
MUSIC FOR THE HEART — **Fri, Jun 4**, 7 pm, Millwoods Pentecostal Assembly (2225-66 St.) Tickets $15 - $20 at the door.
ORCHESTRA SHOWCASE — **Thu, May 20**, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. Soloist showcase. Tickets $15 - $20 from WIN.
PRO CHORO RECITAL — **Fri, May 28**, 7:30 pm, All Saints Anglican Cathedral (10035-103 St.) Tickets $10 & up.
RAINMAKER RODEO — **Fri – Sun, May 28 – 30**, Kinsmen Park (St. Albert) The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Mike Plume, Aaron Pritchett, Corb Lund Band, The Stampeders & April Wine. Tickets & Info: www.rainmaker.ab.ca or call TM
ROBBINS LIGHTER CLASSICS — **Thu, May 20**, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. Feat. The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Tickets from WIN
SHANIA TWAIN — **Mon, Jun 12**, Rexall Place. Tickets $64.50 - $115 from TM
SPRING CONCERT — **Sun, May 30**, 4 pm, Convocation Hall (U of A Campus) Presented by Festival City Winds Music Society. Tickets $7 at the door
SYMPHONY MASONICA — **Sat, Jun 12**, 8 pm, Winspear Centre. Tickets $40 - $60 from WIN



DANCE

A LITTLE BIT O DIS *Jubile Auditorium* — **May 20 – 23 & 27 – 30**: Kompany' Dance presents "A Little Bit O Dis & A Little Bit O Dat." Tickets $12 - $18 from TIX
CELEBRATION OF SPRING *Ukrainian Cultural Village* — Mon, May 24: Ukrainian dance extravaganza feat. Vohon Dance Ensemble. Activities, demonstrations, wagon rides & more. Tickets at the door. Info: 780-662-3640
DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE *Riverdale Hall, 9231-100 Ave.* — 2nd & 4th **Mon** of each month, 7:30 pm. Info Call: 467-1285.
RODA DE CAPOEIRA *Capoeira Academy, 6807-104 St., 709-3500* — Every **Sat**, 2 – 3 pm, A free performance of a Brazilian mix of dance, martial arts & percussion. Info: www.capoeiraedmonton.ca

EXHIBITS

ART BEAT GALLERY *26 St. Anne Street, St. Albert, 459-3679* — **Until Jun 30**: *Portal: A Glimpse Into My World*, by Shirley Cordes-Rogozinsky Info: www.artbeat.ab.ca
ARTS HABITAT *10217-106 St., 428-2787* — Open house exhibit every **Thu**, 5 – 8 pm Info: www.artshab.com
ALBERTA CRAFT COUNCIL *10186-106 St., 488-5900* — Discovery Gallery: **Until Jul 7**: *To The Bone, In The Blood, From The Heart* handwoven tapestries by Jane Kidd. Hours: Mon – Sat, 10 am - 5:00 pm E-mail acc@albertacraft.ab.ca
ARTS & SCIENCE BY MARCE & MARCE — Featuring dimensional paintings by Brenda Marce. By appointment, *435-5838*
BEARCLAW GALLERY *10403-124 St., 482-1204* — Info: info@bearclawgallery.com.
CENTRE D'ARTS VISUELS DE L'ALBERTA *9103-95 Ave., 461-3427* — **Until Jun 2**: *Now & Then*, works by George Kubac, Eva Hontela, Leonie Poole & Ella Nicholson
CRAFTMAN'S COVE *Westmount Shopping Centre, 454-2656* — Tole Painting and Victorian Music Boxes by Bev Runolfson.
CHRISTL BERGSTROM'S RED GALLERY *9621-82 Ave.* — **Until Sept**: *Summer Salon*: a sampling of recent oil paintings. View the web site at www.christlbergstrom.com. Hours: Mon — Fri, 11 am - 5 pm; Sat by appointment. 439-8210
DESTINA GALLERY *10727-124 St., 488-8720* — Hours: Wed – Sat, 11 am – 5 pm.
DIXON GALLERIES *10316-124 St.*, — Inuit carving and drawings from Iqaluit, traditional Chinese scrolls by Professor Fan Yunan, Kui Liu and Xuelin Lio from China, nine works from Russia, rare etchings by Norval Morriseau and more. Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm; Thu, 9 pm.
DOUGLAS UDELL GALLERY *10332-124 St., 488-4445* — **May 22**: Natalka Husar: *Blonde With Dark Roots*.
EDMONTON ART GALLERY *2 Sir Winston Churchill Square, 422-6223* — **Until May 24**: *Storyboard*. **Until June 6**: Rob, Terry & Tom O'Flanagan, *Field Notes*. Ken Macklin. *About Looking*. Lyndal Osborne & John Freeman, *Tidal Trace*. **Until Sep 19**: *Images of Edmonton*: a selection of works representing the growth and change to the city over the last 100 years. **Until June 1**: Fibre Art exhibit

Tix ON THE SQUARE

THIS WEEK:

A Little Bit o' Dis & A Little Bit o' Dat
Kompony Dance
May 20-30

Pith!
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May 20 - June 5

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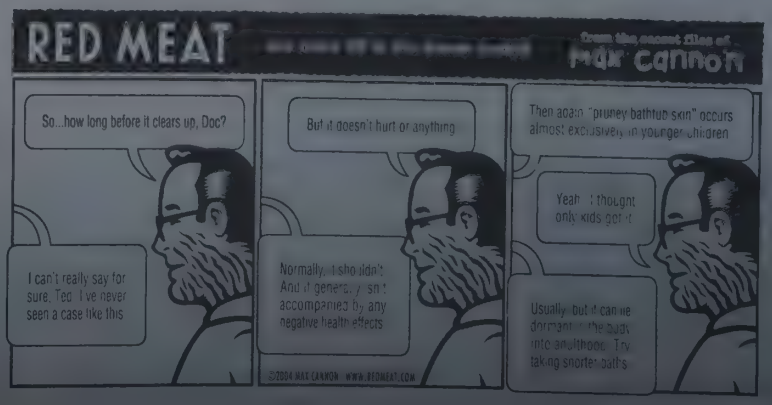


of textile designs. Hours: Tues, Wed & Fri, 10:30 am — 5 pm; Thu, 10:30 am — 8 pm; Sat, Sun & holidays, 11 am — 5 pm. Info: www.edmontonartgallery.com.
ELECTRUM GALLERY *12419 Stony Plain Rd., 482-1402* — **Until May 29:** New Works by Kate More. Hours: Tue – Fri, 10 am – 5 pm, Sat, 10 am – 4 pm.
EXTENSION CENTRE GALLERY *2nd Fl, 8303-112 St., 492-3034* — Hours: 8:30 am – 8 pm, Mon – Fri. 9 am – noon, Sat. Info: 492-3034.
FAB GALLERY *1-1 Fine Arts Building, U of A Campus* — **Until May 29**: *To Call Me Ishmael*, works by Carolyn Campbell. *I/X The Last*, works by Adrien Cho. Hours: Tues – Fri, 10 am – 5 pm; Sat, 2 – 5 pm.
FORT DOOR *10308-81 Ave., 432-7535* — **May:** Carvings by G. Arluk, jewelry by M Talio. Hours: Mon - Wed, 10 am - 6 pm; Thu & Fri, 10 am - 9 pm; Sat, 10 am - 6 pm; Sun, 12 - 5 pm.
FRINGE GALLERY *10516 Whyte Ave., 432-0240* — **Until May 31**: *Familiar Rings*, paintings by Carol Wylie. Hours: 9:30 am – 6 pm Mon – Sat.
FRONT GALLERY *12312 Jasper Ave., 488-2952* — Hours: Tues – Sat, 10 am – 5 pm.
HARCOURT HOUSE GALLERY *3rd floor, 10215-112 St., 426-4180* — **Until Jun 12**: Shelley Rothenburger, *Am I Getting Enough Sleep, Sex, Food?* Kristene Miller, *Borderline*. Info: harcourt@telusplanet.net or 426-4180.
JOHNSON GALLERY *7711-85 St., 465-6171* — Works by David Nash, Jim Painter, Art Pahl, R. Jenkins & more. Hours: Mon – Fri 9 am – 5:30 pm, Sat 9 am – 5 pm
LANDO GALLERY *11130-105 Ave., 990-1161* — Sculpture by Mark Bellows, Sandra Bromley, Catherine Burgess, Andrew French, Ryan McCourt & Lyndal Osborne. Fine Art auctions, **Fri**, 10 am – 4:30 pm & **Sun**, 2 pm. Visit www.landoartauctions.com for info
LATITUDE 53 *10248-106 St., 423-5353* — Info: www.latitude53.org.
MCMULLEN GALLERY *8440-112 St., 407-7152* — **Until Jun 20**: *Alegr a:* works by Annette Ayre, Carol Hill, Pat Di Marcello & others. Hours: Mon – Fri, 10 am – 8 pm; Sat & Sun, 1 – 8 pm. Admission: Free.
MODERN EYES GALLERY & GIFT *Downtown (in the same building as Ric's Grill) St. Albert, 459-9102* — Carrying works by painters Graham Flatt, Ian Sheldon, Georgia Graham, Lorraine Oberg, sculptures by Roy Leadbeater, Delayne Corbett, Fred Oberg, Maggie Walt Jewelry. Antique furniture, Kitras glass, Mogador, Sealed with a Kiss 10% off. Open edition framed prints up to 40% off. Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm
MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC ART GALLERY *5411-51 St., Stony Plain* — **Until May 26**: *Sic Transit Gloria Mundi*, works by Myles Macdonald. Hours: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm. Info: 963-2777.
MUSÉE HÉRITAGE MUSEUM *5 St. Anne St. St. Albert. 459-1528* — **Until Jun 27** *Science On The Move.* Hours: Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm; & Sun, 1 - 5 pm. Admission: Suggested donation of $2.
NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE *9702-111 Ave., 474-7611* — **Until Jun 4**: *Celebrations of Abilities:* presented by Alberta Artists with Brain Injury Society
THE ODYSSIUM *(AKA Edmonton's Space & Science Centre) 11211-142 St., 451-3344* — Permanent Exhibits: *The Body Fantastic, Mystery Avenue, The Greens' House, Space Place, Discoveryland & DinoDen* in the Explorer Gallery. Syncrude Science Stage: Science Demos – Cryogenics, Electri-6

QUEER

INSIDE /OUT *U of A Campus* — A campus-based organization for LGBTQ faculty, graduates, academic & staff. Straight allies are also welcome. Monthly meetings. Contact kwells@ualberta.ca or mwonham@ualberta.ca
TENNIS ANYONE? — Weekly Gay & Lesbian recreational / competitive tennis group. If interested contact Jennifer: 432-2023 or Greg: 919-0192.

THURSDAY

GAYWIRE *CJSR 88.5* — 6 pm: Edmonton's only radio show about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered lives. Featuring news, local and international features and community events.
GLCCE'S WOMEN'S PROGRAMS ON THURSDAYS *345, 9912-106 St.* — GLCCE's counselors and hosts present speakers, discussion topics, activities, movies, all aimed at creating a space for women at the centre.
ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB *#45, 9912-106 St.* — Second **Thu** of each month. A social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals & other transgendered individuals. Info: 964-8399 or illusionsx42@yahoo.com
MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every **Thu & Mon**. Socializing after practice Info: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm

SATURDAY

NORTHERN CHAPS *Buddy's Night Club* — Edmonton's original leather-latex-fetish-uniform club meets the first and third **Sat** of every month. Info: northernchaps@telusplanet.net.
NORTHERN TITANS GLBT BOWLING LEAGUE *Gateway Lanes & Recreation Centre, #100, 3414 Gateway Blvd. N* — 5 - 7 pm: group supper each week after bowling (optional). Cost is $15 per person. Info: Peter: 483-1075.
YOUTH UNDERSTANDING YOUTH *#45, 9912-106 St.* — Every **Sat**, 7 - 9 pm: Providing a warm and friendly place where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, straight and questioning youth under the age of 25, can gather together to have fun and learn about themselves and others in a safe, supportive and caring environment. Info: http://members.shaw.ca/yuy

SUNDAY

ALBERTA P-FLAG FAITH SOCIETY *Christ Church, 12116 102 Ave.* — 2 pm: Meets the last **Sun** of every month. Family and friends from every background, faith and culture are welcome.
ARCTIC FRONTRUNNERS — 11 am: A group of gay and lesbian runners meets **Sun** mornings and hits the river valley trails. Runners of all speeds are welcome. Our runs are typically 7 — 10 km long and take 40 — 60 minutes. Info: 436-7892
LAMBDA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH *Chapel at Garneau United Place, 11148 84 Ave.* — Lambda is a Christian church providing a safe and healing space with a Christ-centered social justice ministry for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Christians and their friends. Info: 474-0753.
SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH *10740 19 Ave.* — 10 am: Welcomes people of all sexual orientations. Info: 987-4974.
SPIRITUAL LIVING CENTRE — Celebrating and embracing the spiritual magnificence in all. www.spiritualliving centre.com, 989-3752.
TALKING TOGETHER SUNDAY EVENINGS *45, 9912-106 St.* — 7 — 9:30 pm: A discussion group for men. Open to any age. Confidential and always interesting. Info: 488-3234 or glcce@interbaun.com.

MONDAY

BADMINTON LEAGUE The badminton season is now finished but will start up again in Sept. The group still meets on a monthly basis for social/sports. Info: cwbyteddy@shaw.ca or 918-4295.
FREE-TO-BE VOLLEYBALL Offers recreational and competitive play for all ages and skill levels. For more info: www.queerseek.com/freetobe or volleyball@queerseek.com.
MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every **Thu & Mon**. Socialization after practices. Info: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm.

TUESDAY

EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION — Join us on the second **Tues** of every month for drinks, munchies & conversation. For info call 422-6207.
FREEDOM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF EDMONTON *10086 MacDonald Dr* — 7:15 pm: A church for all people. Info: 429-2321.
GROUP MOVIE NIGHT Phone to find out what movie, when to meet and where. Join us for coffee afterwards, too. Cost: Free for 2 members plus theatre costs. Info: 454-0313.
OUTREACH *Heritage Room, Athabasca Hall, U of A Campus* — 5 pm: U of A based group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight but friendly students, staff and faculty. (Open to the community, not just U of A) Info: www.ualberta.ca/~outreach, outreach@ualberta.ca.
PFLAG/T *#45, 9912 106 St.* — 7:30 pm: Support meeting every third **Tues** of the month for parents, families and friends, of lesbians and gays and transgendered people. Info: 462-5958 or 1-877-882-2011 ext. 2043.
TRANSSEXUAL/TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP *#45, 9912 106 St.* — 7:30 — 9:30 pm: Last Tue of every month: True Spirit North, an education & support group for trans-identified & questioning people. Info: 488-3234 or email truespiritnorth@shaw.ca

WEDNESDAY

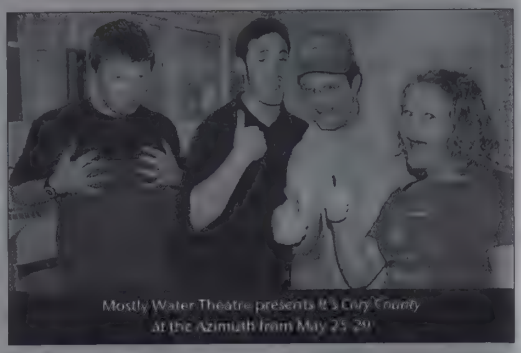
BISEXUAL PRIDE *GLCCE* — 7 pm: A social and support group that meets on the last **Wed** of every month. Friendly and accepting. Info: 488-3234.
GMOC — Gay Men's Outreach Crew. Every **Wed**, 7 – 10 pm, starts Oct 15. Coming-out workshops, self acceptance, health, call 488-0564 or gmoc@interbaun.com for info.
YOURS, MINE, OURS AND US (YMOU) — A support group for LGBT parents, partners and their friends. Meets first and third **Wed** of the month. Info: 426-6311 or 415-5434.

BATHHOUSE

DOWN UNDER *12224 Jasper Ave., 482-7960, www.gayedmonton.com*
STEAMERS *9668 Jasper Ave., 422-2581*

THEATRE

3...2...1 *Azimuth Theatre, 11315-106 Ave.* — **Until May 23**: Two young men from Wetaskiwin skip the funeral of their best friend to lock themselves in a garage with enough drugs to kill a horse. *3...2...1* explores friendship and mourning on the backdrop of small town prejudices. Written and performed by Chris Craddock & Nathan Cuckow. Tickets call 454-0583.
DIALOGUE & REBUTTAL *Timms Centre, 87 Ave. & 112 St.* — **Until May 22,** 8 pm: A compelling modern Zen drama by Chinese author & Nobel Prize Laureate Gao Xingjian. Tickets $8 - $20 from Timms, call 492-2495.
DIE-NASTY *Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave.*— Every **Mon**, 8 pm: The legendary live improvised soap opera returns for it's 13th season of hilarity & pathos, set in the city of Contentment, U.S.A. circa 1957. Info: www.varsconatheatre.com.
RIBBIT FUNDRAISER *Azimuth Theatre, 11315-106 Ave.* — **Mon, May 24,** 8 pm: Ribbit productions presents a performance to raise money for the touring production of *Pilk's Madhouse*. Admission is Pay-What-You-Can.
ITS CORY COUNTRY *Azimuth Theatre, 11315-106 Ave.* — **May 25 – 29**, 8 pm: The Story of a boy on the cusp of the rest of his life. Written by and starring Trent Wilkie & Sam Varteniuk. Presented by Mostly Water Theatre. Tickets $10 from TIX.



PITH! *New Varscona, 10329-83 Ave.* — **Until Jun 5**, **Tue – Sat**, 8 pm, Matinees Sat, 2 pm. Set in 1931, *Pith!* is Stewart Lemoine's epic tale of travel & adventure. Winner of the Outstanding New Play & Outstanding Production awards at the 1997 Fringe. Tickets $15 - $18 from TIX, Tue & Sat (matinee) are Pay-what-you-can, Fri, May 21 is 2 for 1 admission.
RAPID FIRE THEATRE — Theatresports: Every **Fri**, 11 pm Dozens of improv scenes. Chimprov: Every **Sat**, 11 pm Spontaneous Broadway. Reservations & info: 448-0695.
SECRET SPACES: THE BUS PROJECT *Leaves from Third Space 11516-103 St.* — **May 21 – Jun 13**, **Tue – Sun**, 8 pm: Get on the bus for a ride through the many lifetimes of Edmonton with tour guide Mr. Nosey. Tickets $22 - $30 from TIX.
THE SOUND OF MUSIC *Citadel Theatre, 425-1820* — **Until May 30**: One of the most beloved family musicals of all time, The Sound of Music follows the life of Maria as she transforms from the problem-child of the Abbey to the misfit governess of seven adorable von Trapp children to the wife of the handsome Austrian captain. Tickets $25 - $75 from CIT, call 428–2127.
SURF'S UP *Jubilations Dinner Theatre WEM* — **Until Jun 20**: Join some of the worlds top crime investigators as they try to solve one of the toughest cases of all time. Tickets call 484-2424.

EVENTS

GROW NATURALE — **Sun & Mon, May 22 & 23**, John Janzen Nature Centre. Official opening of the centre. Refreshments, seeds & plants, book sale, demonstrations & ribbon cutting ceremony. Presented by the Edmonton Naturalization Group. Info: 496-5526.
RISE AWARDS — **Thu, May 20**, Mennonite Cnetre for Newcomers. Gala awards ceremony & banquet to honour immigrant contributions to Edmonton. Tickets & info call 423-9675.
VANS TOUR — **Sun, May 23**: West 49 & Vans present an autograph singing and Skate demo feat. Tony Trujillo, Geoff Rowley, Steve Caballero, Dustin Dollin, Ray Barbee and many more. Prizes & giveaways. Events take place at Southgate Mall & Millwoods Skatepark. Info: www.west49.com.

MEETINGS

ADHD SUPPORT *Glenrose Hospital, 10230-111 Ave.* — Every first & third **Tue**, TADA/CH.A.D.D. hosts an adult support meeting for attentional disorders.Info: 406-5212.
FAVA WORKSHOP *Ortona Armoury, 9722-102 St., 429-1671* — **Every Mon**, 7 - 10 pm: Monday Night Club pairs a writer and a director who will workshop a scene with all those who attend — performers, actors, writers & directors. Admission: Free. (Event does not take place on Holiday Mondays)
OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED NETWORKING GROUP *Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, #600, 10123-99 St.* — **Every Fri**. 6:45 – 8:30 am. Develop new business relationships and hear keynote speaker Terry Scheirs. Admission: $2, everyone welcome. Info: 426-4620.
THE OUTSIDERS SUPPORT GROUP — **Every Wed**, 7 - 8:30 pm. A support group for families and friends of loved ones who are incarcerated or on parole. Providing emotional support, info and a place to share. Info: 471-1122.
PARAGON TOASTMASTERS CLUB — **Every Thu**, noon – 1 pm: Improve your listening, thinking & speaking skills. Info: 431-2345.
SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY *Lions Centre, 11113-113 St.* — **Tue, May 25**, 7 pm: General meeting of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta. Guest speaker Jerome Hastings. Info: 452-4661.
SCREENWRITERS CIRCLE *Fava Site, 429-1671* — First **Tue** of every month: Established & budding screenwriters discuss craft & share works-in-progress. Info: 429-1671.
TIBETAN BUDDHIST MEDITATION *11403-101 St.* — The Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Society, Gaden Samten Ling, welcomes everyone interested in learning about Tibetan Buddhism and meditation. Resident teacher Kushok Dhamchoe of Namgyal Monastery, India, gives different levels of instruction including beginners **Tue**, 7 - 9 pm and more advanced Tantric teachings and meditations **Wed**, 7 - 9 pm and Sun 11 am - 1 pm. No cost but donations welcome. Info: www.gadensamtenling.org. Info 479-0014.
UPWARD BOUND TOASTMASTERS *10025-106 St. 10th floor* — Every **Wed**, 7 pm. Improve your public speaking skills. Info: 477-2613 www.ecn.ab.ca
WOMEN & THE SACRED *Stanley Milner Library* — **Thu, May 20**, 7 pm: A medley for voices arranged by Patricia Demers & directed by Betty Moulton. An evening of readings & artistic representations of women & religion throughout history. Info: 438-5976.
WEST END TOASTMASTER CLUB "COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP" *10451-170 St., 2nd Floor Boardroom* — **Every Tue**, 7 - 9 pm: Communication involves listening skills giving appropriate feedback and public speaking. Join the friendly environment of personal progress and mutual support during two-hour weekly meetings. Info: 472-4911.
YOUNG ADULTS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP *Knox Metropolitan United Church, 8307-109 St.* — Every third **Thu** of the month the Edmonton Chapter of the MS Society is offering a support group for people in their 20s and 30s who have MS and for their family & friends. Info: 471-3034.
YOUTH ANTI-RACISM PROJECT *Rm 1-126 Ed. North, U of A campus* — A social justice group that presents anti-racism workshops to various audiences. Free meeting every **Tue**, 6 pm.

MUSEUMS

ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM *11410-Kingsway Ave., 451-1175* — Display of Edmonton's bush pilots, W.W. II double-wide, double-long hangar. Hours: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm
CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES *10440-108 Ave., 496-8710* — More than 50,000 catalogued photographs and slides from the 1880s to the present. Two display galleries. Free admission. Hours: Weekdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.
LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT MILITARY MUSEUM *118, Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, 10440 108 Ave.* — Current exhibition: **Until Sep 2004**: *The Battle of Ortona, Dec 1943*. Displaying artifacts, photographs, documents, and texts on one of Canada's most important battles of World War II. Hours: Weekdays, 10 am - 4 pm.
PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA *12845-102 Ave., 453-9100* — **Until Aug 2:** *Where*

Are The Children?: exhibit of residential schools from 1885 – 1960. **Until Mar 29, 2005**: *Big Things 3* Abstract sculptures on the front terrace. **Until June 6**: *Through the Eye of The Needle*: Exquisite embroideries from Gujarat, India. *In The Shadow of the Volcanoes*: Exhibit on the diversity & mystery of Indonesia. **Until Sep 12**: "Every Mother's Fear: Alberta's Polio Experience." Exhibit explores the history of Polio, stories from Polio survivors, Canada's contribution to the Salk vaccine & more. **Wild Alberta**: Urban ecology, scavengers. **Permanent Exhibitions**: *The Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture*, Traces the extraordinary history of Alberta's Aboriginal peoples from the end of the Ice Age to the present day. *The Bug Room*, Examine giant walking sticks, crawling cockroaches, stinging scorpions and tarantulas the size of dinner plates—live and up close! *The Natural History Gallery* Explore some of the extraordinary changes the Alberta region has experienced and see how these changes were written in the rocks Info: 459-9100. Hours. Mon – Sun. 9 am - 5 pm. Ticket prices & Info: www.pma.edmonton.ab.ca

SALES

HIGHLAND MARKET *6633-118 Ave.* — Every **Sat & Sun**, 10 am - 5 pm: Vendors offer a wide range of merchandise and services, with many great gift ideas

PARIS MARKET *10112-124 St., 424-2511* — **Wed** to **Sun**, 10 am - 5 pm: Artisans and antiques, fine art and furniture, curiosities and collectibles!

RED STRAP MARKET *10305-97 St.* — Western Canada's largest indoor art market All artists & artisans welcome to display product Call 497-2211 for info.

SPRING SALE *Capilano Hall, 10810-54 St.* — **Sun – Wed, May 23 – 26**: Sale of local crafts & Bali imports. Summer clothing, drums, didges, jewellery & more. Call 465-6865

STONY PLAIN COUNTRY MARKET *Hwy 16A Stony Plain* — **Sat, May 22**, 9 am: Grand opening of the market. Farm fresh produce, unique crafts. www.stonyplaincountrymarket.com

ALT CINEMA

METRO CINEMA *Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre 9828-101A Ave., 425-9212* — **Thu**, 7 pm *Proje(c)t Y* - Alternate Eye. For one night only the sounds and images of thirteen young Quebecois directors are taking over the Metro silver screen. For this eighth edition (though only the second to screen in Edmonton), the Festival Proje(c)t Y has selected some of the finest productions among Quebec's university cinema to put the lights on this new generation of filmmakers This presentation includes *Home made, Un oeil entre les murs, Monophobia, Breath of a city, Sparadrap (Ban Aid), Ne réveillez pas les somnambules, Le déclic du cyclope au monocle mécanique, Mwah, Electrinite Conscript, Perfect timing, Pourquoi moi? and Placebo*

Fri – Mon, 7 pm: *Roger Toupin*. In the heart of Plateau Mont-Royal, passersby barely notice Roger Toupin's small grocery store With its dusty shelves, the place seems stuck in time, looking more like a local social club than a place of business with its regulars and few true clients. The owner lives in a small apartment atop the store, sharing the living space with his ill and confused mother Deeply attached to this place where he spent most of his life, Roger Toupin dreads the day his mother will have to be placed in a home

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Daily 12:30, 3:20, 6:50, 9:30. Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children.

NEW YORK MINUTE G
Daily 12:45, 3:10, 6:45, 8:45.

MEAN GIRLS PG
Daily 12:45, 2:45, 7:00, 9:00. Coarse language, not recommended for younger children

SHREK 2 G
Daily 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

LEDUC CINEMAS

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VAN HELSING 14A
Daily 7:10, 9:40; Sat Sun & Mon matinees 1:00, 3:45. Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children

[illegible] PG
Daily 6:50, 9:10; Sat Sun & Mon matinees 1:10, 3:10. Coarse language, not recommended for younger children.

TROY 14A
Daily 7:00 & 9:45; Sat Sun & Mon matinees 1:30. Gory scenes.

SHREK 2 G
Daily 6:50, 9:10; Sat Sun & Mon matinees 1:00, 3:30.

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TROY 14A
Fri-Wed 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 6:40, 7:45, 8:45, 10:10 Thurs 12:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 6:40, 7:45, 8:45, 10:10
Gory scenes. No passes

TROY 14A
Mom & Strollers Screening Thurs 1:00 Gory Scenes. No passes.

SHREK 2 G
Fri-Thurs 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 No passes

BREAKIN' ALL THE RULES PG
Fri-Thurs 10:15 Not recommended for young children

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:30, 1:30, 3:40, 4:20, 6:45, 7:35, 9:40, 10:20 Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children.

NEW YORK MINUTE G
Fri-Thurs [illegible]

MEAN GIRLS PG
Fri-Thurs 12:10, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45; Thurs 12:10, 2:35, 9:45
Coarse language, not recommended for younger children.

MAN ON FIRE 18A
Fri-Thurs 12:20, 3:30, 6:50, 9:50 Brutal violence.

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Fri-Thurs 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20.

KILL BILL VOLUME 2 18A
Fri-Wed 12:50, 3:50, 7:20; Thurs 12:50, 3:50

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SADDEST MUSIC IN THE WORLD 14A
Fri-Thurs 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10:10.

TROY 14A
Fri-Thurs 1:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:15. Gory scenes. No passes.

SHREK 2 G
Fri-Thurs 12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 6:30, 7:10, 9:00 9:30
No passes.

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40 Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children

GOOD BYE, LENIN! • SUBTITLED 14A
[illegible]

MAN ON FIRE 18A
Fri-Thurs 12:15, 3:20, 7:00. Brutal violence.

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Fri-Thurs 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

KILL BILL VOLUME 2 18A
Fri-Thurs 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

LAWS OF ATTRACTION PG
Fri-Thurs 10:20

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50 FIRST DATES PG
Fri, Thurs-Thurs 7:00, 9:10; Sat-Mon 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10.
Crude content

HIDALGO PG
Fri, Tues-Thurs 6:30, 9:15, Sat-Mon 2:20, 6:30, 9:15 Violence

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST 18A
Fri, Tues-Thurs 6:50, 9:25, Sat-Mon 1:20, 4:00, 6:50, 9:25.
Brutal and gory violence, disturbing content

WALKING TALL 14A
Fri, Tues-Thurs 7:20, 9:30, Sat-Mon 2:00, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30 Violence

TAKING LIVES 18A
Fri-Thurs 6:45, 9:00 Violence

CONNIE & CARLA PG
Fri, Tues-Thurs 7:10, 9:40, Sat-Mon 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

SECRET WINDOW 14A
Fri-Thurs [illegible] Sat-Mon [illegible] 40, 4:10, 6:40 Violence

DAWN OF THE DEAD 18A
Fri-Thurs 8:50 Gory, violence throughout

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING 14A
Fri-Thurs [illegible]

AGENT CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION LONDON PG
Sat-Mon 1:30, 3:50

CLAREVIEW TOWN CENTRE

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TROY 14A
Fri-Mon 12:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 8:30, Tues-Thurs 3:30, 4:30, 7:15, 8:30 Gory scenes. No passes.

SHREK 2 G
Fri-Mon 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:00, 3:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00, Tues-Thurs 3:45, 4:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:45, 9:30, 10:00 No passes

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri-Mon 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:10, 7:35, 9:50, 10:20, Tues-Thurs 4:00, 4:40, 7:10, 7:35, 9:50, 10:20 Frightening scenes, not recommended for younger children.

NEW YORK MINUTE G
Fri-Mon 1:45, 4:15, Tues-Thurs 4:15.

MEAN GIRLS PG
Fri-Mon 12:15, 2:50, 5:00, 7:40, 9:40, Tues-Thurs 5:00, 7:40, 9:40
Coarse language, not recommended for younger children.

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Fri-Mon 1:15, 3:40, 6:40, 9:15 Tues-Thurs 3:40, 6:40, 9:15.

MAN ON FIRE 18A
Fri-Thurs 6:50, 10:10 Brutal violence

SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON

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ASA NU MAAN WATNA DA • SUBTITLED PG
Fri-Thurs 12:50, 4:50, 8:50

[illegible] G
Fri-Thurs 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30 No passes

[illegible] G
Tues 1:00 No passes.

TROY 14A
Fri-Sun 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:40, Mon-Wed 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, Thurs 12:15, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45 Gory scenes. No passes

BREAKIN' ALL THE RULES PG
Fri-Thurs 7:10 No recommended for young children

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri-Thurs 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:40, 4:40, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 9:50 10:45
Frightening scenes, not recommended for younger children

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Fri-Thurs 1:10, 3:50, 6:45, 9:15

MAN ON FIRE 18A
Fri-Thurs 12:40, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20 Brutal violence

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[illegible] G
Fri Sat Sun Mon Tues Thurs 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 4:20, 4:50, 5:30, 6:45, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:[illegible] Wed 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 4:20, 4:50, 5:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:[illegible] Famous Jackpot Wed 11:30 p.m. No passes

TROY 14A
Daily 11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:30, 10:15, 10:45
Gory scenes. No passes

VAN HELSING 14A
[illegible] Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children.

KILL BILL: VOLUME TWO 18A
Daily 10:30

MATCHBOX TWENTY (SHOW) — LIVE IN CONCERT DVD STC
Mon 9:00 No passes

MEAN GIRLS PG
Daily 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50 Coarse language, not recommended for young children

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Daily 1:10, 3:45, 6:50, 9:20.

MAN ON FIRE 18
Daily 12:40, 10:00 Brutal violence

NEW YORK MINUTE G
Daily 4:30, 7:20

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NEW YORK MINUTE G
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20 Tues Wed Thurs 7:00, 9:20

MEAN GIRLS PG
Fri Sat Sun Mon 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:50, Tues Wed Thurs 7:15, 9:40
Coarse language, not recommended for young children

MAIN HOON NA (E.S.T.) (S.T.A.) 14A
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:10, 4:00, 8:00 Tues Wed Thurs 8:00 Violence

SCOOBY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED PG
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:20, 2:30, 4:35, 6:55 9:15, Tues Wed Thu 6:55, 9:15

[illegible] 14A
Fri Sat Sun Mon 1:15, 3:50, 7:25, 9:55, Tues Wed Thu 7:25, 9:55
Coarse language

HOME ON THE RANGE G
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:35, 2:35, 4:25, 7:10, Tues Wed Thu 7:10.

STARSKY & HUTCH 14A
Fri Sat Sun Mon 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 9:45, Tues Wed 7:30, 9:45, Thurs 9:45

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SHREK 2 G
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Tues Wed Thurs 7:30, 9:55 No passes

TROY 14A
Fri Sat Sun Mon 1:00, 4:45, 8:30, Tues Wed Thurs 8:30. Gory scenes. No passes.

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri Sat Sun Mon 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Tues Wed Thu 6:45, 9:45.
Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children

[illegible] PG
Fri Sat Sun Mon 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Tues Wed Thurs 7:15, 9:30.

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[illegible]

HIDALGO PG
[illegible]

JOHNSON FAMILY VACATION PG
[illegible]

SHREK PG
[illegible]

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST 18A
[illegible] 05 daily 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45 late nite Fri/Sat 12:15
Brutal and gory violence, disturbing content

TWISTED 14A
Sat/Sun 11:30, daily 1:50, 7:45 Violence, coarse language

WALKING TALL 14A
Sat/Sun 11:40; daily 2:00, 4:20, 7:25, 9:50 late nite Fri/Sat 11:55
[illegible]

EUROTRIP 18A
Sat/Sun 11:50; daily 2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10, late nite Fri/Sat 12:10
Crude sexual content

AGENT CODY BANKS 2: DESTINATION LONDON PG
Sat/Sun 11:15, daily 1:45, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25, late nite Fri/Sat 11:45

ALONG CAME POLLY PG
Sat/Sun 11:25; daily 1:40, 4:40, 7:[illegible] late nite Fri/Sat 11:40
Crude content

DAWN OF THE DEAD 18A
Daily 5:05, 10:05, late nite Fri/Sat 12:20 Gory violence throughout

SECRET WINDOW 14A
Daily 7:35, 10:00, late nite Fri/Sat 12:05 Violence.

LORD OF THE RINGS: RETURN OF THE KING 14A
Daily 12:30, 4:10, 8:00, late nite Fri/Sat 11:35 Violence and frightening [illegible]

[illegible] 14A
Daily 4:25, 9:55; late nite Fri/Sat 12:25 Coarse language Plays at [illegible]

CONFESSION OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN PG
Sat/Sun 11:45, daily 2:15, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20, late nite Fri/Sat 11:30
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Sat/Sun 11:35, daily 1:55, 7:45 Disturbing content and violence Plays at Movies 12 only

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TROY 14A
Fri-Mon 2:40, 4:40, 6:30, 8:00, 10:00; Tues-Thurs 6:30, 8:00, 10:00
Gory scenes. No passes.

SHREK 2 G
Fri 2:30, 3:20, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20; Sat-Mon 12:00, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:20, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20; Tues-Thurs 6:40, 7:30, 8:10, 9:00, 9:50, 10:20.
No passes

VAN HELSING 14A
Fri 3:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:40, 10:30; Sat-Mon 12:10, 3:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:40, 10:30; Tues-Thurs 6:50, 7:40, 9:40, 10:30.
Frightening scenes, not recommended for young children

NEW YORK MINUTE G
Fri 7:00, 9:00; Sat-Mon 12:30, 2:50, 7:00; Tues-Thurs 7:00

ENVY PG
Fri-Mon 7:10 Coarse language

MEAN GIRLS PG
Fri 9:20; Sat-Mon 12:40, 3:10, 7:10, 9:20; Tues-Thurs 7:10
Coarse language, not recommended for younger children

MAN ON FIRE 18A
Fri-Mon 9:30; Sat-Mon 1:20, 4:30 Brutal violence

13 GOING ON 30 PG
Fri-Mon 7:00; Tues-Thurs 7:00

HOME ON THE RANGE G
Fri-Mon 7:00

SCOOBY DOO 2: MONSTERS UNLEASHED PG
Fri-Mon 7:00

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KIDS

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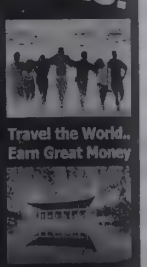

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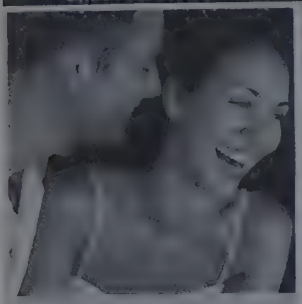

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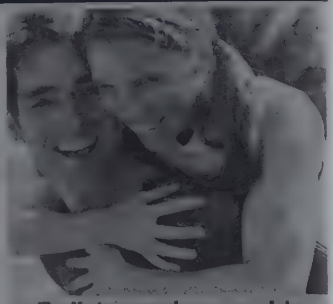

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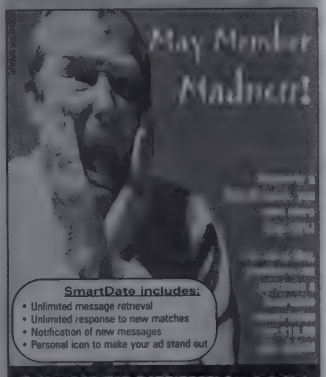

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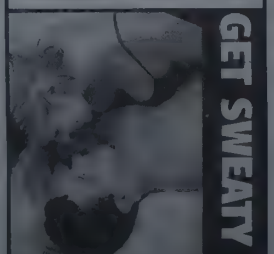

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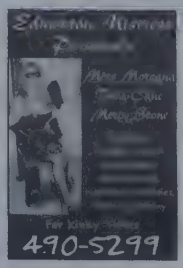

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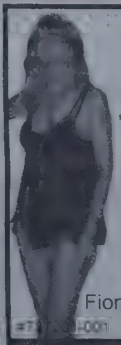

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David Reimer is an intersex hero to some; his story is still tragically pertinent

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If you don't know the story, Reimer is the boy from Winnipeg whose botched circumcision back in the 60s left him without a penis. John Money—a high profile sex researcher at Johns Hopkins Hospital—saw the accident as an opportunity to prove a point: Gender is about nurture, not nature. By lopping off the rest of his genitals, Reimer became "Brenda" (he was called Bruce at birth) and spent the next 14 years in dresses and misery. At age 14, he found out what had happened, rebelled, and became "David," but the emotional wounds of his involuntary "gender reassignment" never healed.

The whole tragic story is chronicled in John Colapinto's book, *As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised as a Girl* (Harper Collins).

Reimer's mother, Janet, still harbors resentment toward the Baltimore doctor who convinced she and her husband to give female hormones to their son and raise him as a daughter. In an interview in the Winnipeg Sun after David's suicide, she talks about how cruel the kids were to "Brenda" growing up. "They wouldn't let him use the boys' washroom or the girls'," she says in the article. "He had to go in the back alley."

Now, I know kids can be cruel even if you're not a girl/boy, but I find it equally sad that almost 40 years later, we are still insistent on seeing life in pink for girls and blue for boys. So what if I refer to someone's bald, infant child as "she" when he's a "he"? Who the hell can tell? And who cares?

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Historically, parents have had no say when a baby was born "intersexed" (with ambiguous genitals). Often, assigning gender through "corrective" surgery was done quietly, without the parents—or more importantly, the kid—ever knowing. The theory, pioneered in 1955 by our friend, Dr. Money, was that infants are psychosexually neutral. So if a baby is born with undersized, oversized, or otherwise confusing genitals, all you do is pick a gender, sculpt the genitals to match and, voila, the kid will miraculously grow up that gender.

Now, thanks in large part to David Reimer's case, hospitals are more likely to bring in a "gender identity team" (psychologists, urologists, endocrinologists, and the like) to help make the decision to lop or not.

But even if parents insist on leaving the baby's bits alone and letting the kid's gender evolve naturally—allowing the child to make the decision when s/he's older—some doctors are still more concerned with making sure the kid will know which box to check on a census form.

In one case in Florida, a child named Patrick was born with a well-defined penis but with the opening at the base, not the tip. There was just one testicle, though it was producing plenty of testosterone. Doctors assured the adoptive mother, Helena Harmon-Smith, that Patrick was a girl. They would "remove the offending appendages right away."

But Harmon-Smith had seen Patrick have erections and insisted they keep intact everything that was working. Experts disagreed, claiming the baby would be better off female. Eleven days and 20 doctors later, doctors let Harmon-Smith take home her "son." A few months later, though, Patrick's doctor insisted the boy's testicle contained ovarian tissue that was probably malignant. Following a biopsy, the surgeon told her that the testicle was diseased and he had cut it off. After much pestering, Harmon-Smith finally saw the medical report: "normal, healthy testicle."

She cried.

MORE THAN YOU THINK

"My son is now a non-functioning eunuch. Before, he was a functioning male, " she said, in an interview. "I don't think the doctor cared. His reasoning was that this was a hermaphrodite, so everything should be removed."

(FYI, while some intersexed folk have reclaimed the word "hermaphrodite," there has been a strong push to replace it with "intersex" in medical literature.)

Sometimes parents do insist on gender assignment at birth. They feel they're saving the kid a lot of anguish and schoolyard teasing. David Reimer is proof of how well that works.

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According to Alice Dreger, editor of the book *Intersex in the Age of Ethics*, about 1 in 2,000 children is born with ambiguous genitalia. If that sounds rare, she says, do the math. Worldwide, that's more intersexed people than Jewish people.

As Dreger puts it, "If all of the intersexed people of voting age had voted for a single presidential candidate [in the last American election], the outcome of the election would have never been in doubt."

It's not that there aren't occasions when it makes sense to assign gender at birth. Even the Intersex Society of North America (www.isna.org), while not endorsing it, doesn't entirely oppose the practice. However, they—along with a slowly growing number of medical specialists—do urge parents and doctors to hang onto their scalpels until intersexed kids are old enough to decide for themselves.

That's all Helena Harmon-Smith really wanted for Patrick. "My son was one of the lucky few—because he is technically both. He can be boy or girl," she says. But she says she will never forgive doctors for making the choice for him.

I'm pretty sure Janet Reimer feels the same way.

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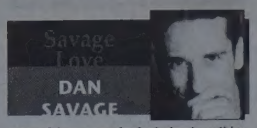

I AM IN A FAIRLY NEW RELATIONSHIP. We've been together a year. The sex is great but I worry that my guy will never be satisfied with just me. In his last relationship he had lots of girl-girl-guy threesomes. I am no prude and am glad that he had a great time with his ex, but I have never been in a threesome with someone I cared about (that doesn't sound good, does it?) and don't think that I could handle seeing my current guy with another woman. My question is this: Do you think that someone who has had threesomes on a regular basis truly likes them? Do you think he will still want to have them? Will he be able to be happy with just one person? I am open for just about anything else—bondage, porn, sex in public, whatever—but not the threesome thing.

K

P.S. His last girlfriend left him for a woman. I am hoping he is looking for someone who really loves dick this time.

There's an important detail missing from your letter, K, one weensy, teensy bit of information that would go a long way toward shaping my response. Namely: How the hell does your boyfriend feel?

It's clear how you feel about threesomes—threatened, remorseful, no longer interested in 'em—but you don't drop a single hint about your boyfriend's attitude toward (A) the threesomes he's had in the past, and (B) the threesomes he won't be having so long as he's with you. Does he miss them? Does he pressure you to get with the whole girl-girl-guy program? Is he constantly whining about how much he misses having one girl sit on his face while another sits on his dick? If the answers to these questions are yes, yes, and yes, then he's an asshole and you should dump him immediately. But if the answers to these questions are no, no, and no, then the problem here is yours, K, not his.

If you don't know how he feels, you need to find out. When you discuss the issue, K, make it clear that being in an LTR with you means going without threesomes for the LT. Considering that his ex-girlfriend left him for another woman, it's entirely possible that the threesomes were staged for his ex-girlfriend's benefit, i.e., to scratch her lesbo itch. He may have enjoyed them—that would be highly likely—but they may not be his ultimate fantasy or anything he's all that interested in doing again, particularly in light of how things turned out last time. But only he has the answer to these questions.

I'm a gorgeous 23-year-old male that could easily have won your tighty-whitey contest. That being said, I suffer from a great deal of sexual insecurities. Where to begin? I grew up in a sexually repressed Christian home. So from puberty to the present I have been addicted to pornography, in an attempt to escape my repression. This has led to some sexual difficulties, i.e., premature ejaculation. To add to the problem, I was sexually abused by two older males (at different times) when I was a teenager. To top it all off, I recently experienced a major low-back injury that left me in a somewhat long-term convalescence without the ability to engage in any hip-grinding activity. So my problem is that I don't know how in god's name to find a partner that has the grace to help me through this mire. I have been getting professional help for the abuse for some time now, which has brought me to a place where I am ready to deal with things, but every time I find a woman I like I frighten her off with the intensity of my need and the complexities of my situation. When women meet me, all they see is a gorgeous young stud and they expect results.

Frustrated and Lonely

If you're gorgeous at 23, FAL, the kind of guy who, at 23, could easily win a tighty-whitey contest (prove it—e-mail pictures to mail@savagelove.net), the kind of guy who, at 23, women see as a result-spewing stud, *then you're going to be a gorgeous, tighty-whitey-contest-winning, studly-result-spewing guy at 25.* If you refrain from overeating (sorry, fatties), smoking cigarettes (sorry, stinkies), and drinking and drugging to excess (sorry, um, drunkies and druggies), then you'll most likely be a gorgeous, tighty-whitey-contest-winning, studly-result-spewing guy at 30, 35, and 40. So worry more for now about your back, your ejaculation problems, and your mental health, and less about scoring a girlfriend. If the intensity of your need and the complexity of your situation are scaring women away from a good-looking guy like you, FAL, then it should be clear that you're not really ready to date yet. You don't have to be completely healthy or healed to be date-worthy—my God, who would qualify?—but you do need to be somewhat presentable and your shit needs to be reasonably together. Get sloggin', FAL.

My problem can be summed up in two words: Hate condoms. I'm a straight male college student who recently broke up with my girlfriend of nearly two years, and I'm finding it hard getting back out there to play the field. My ex was on the pill, so I never once had to use a condom when I was with her. But now that I'm getting with random girls, I'm forced to wrap the tool. And for whatever reason, when I wear a condom I cannot come. I have no problems getting it up, but pulling one off is the problem. Any words of wisdom, ideas, tips, etc.?

Insert Witty Name Here

My answer summed up in two words: Suffer, bitch. Until you have a steady girlfriend—until you're with a non-random, pill-poppin' woman you trust who also trusts you—you're just going to have to settle for wrapping the tool and a sub-optimal sexual experience. Explain to the next random girl you're banging that you have a hard time coming with a condom on and that you'll have to "finish yourself off." Then fuck the random girls until they come, pull out, take off the condom, and finish yourself off with your own right hand.

This is sub-optimal, as I've already pointed out, but there are always trade-offs, IWNH. When you're in a sexually exclusive LTR with someone who doesn't have an STD and is on the pill, then you don't have to use condoms. When you're with someone random—and enjoying the kind of thrills that only random sex provides—you do. If you really hate condoms, if they absolutely ruin sex for you, then you have a huge incentive to get back into a stable LTR with a nice, pill-poppin', non-random girl.

Just a thanks for the GLH Backlash column. You were absolutely right, Dan. I'm in decent shape, but I would need to cut out beer and chocolate to achieve any sort of "show-offable" stomach. Not going to happen. I work out to KEEP enjoying my vices, thank you very much. So, my stomach, while not exactly drooping over my belt, stays under my shirt. If only 99% of low-rise wearers had as much self-awareness. I know you can't possibly reply to all of them, but I'd love to see more of the GLH responses. How about a link to an extra page of GLH letters?

Angelos

I love to see my readers smile, Angelos, so I've posted tons of responses to the GLH columns at www.thestranger.com/specials/glh.html

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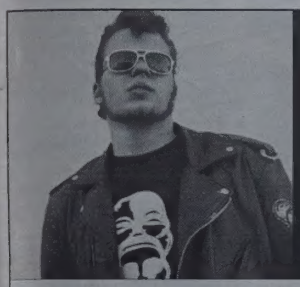

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